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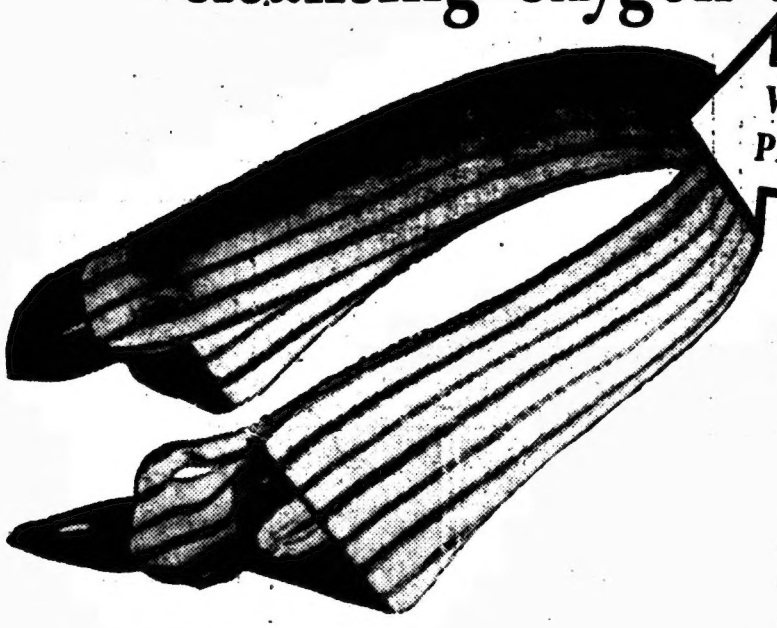

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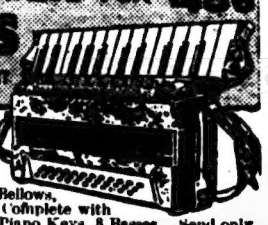

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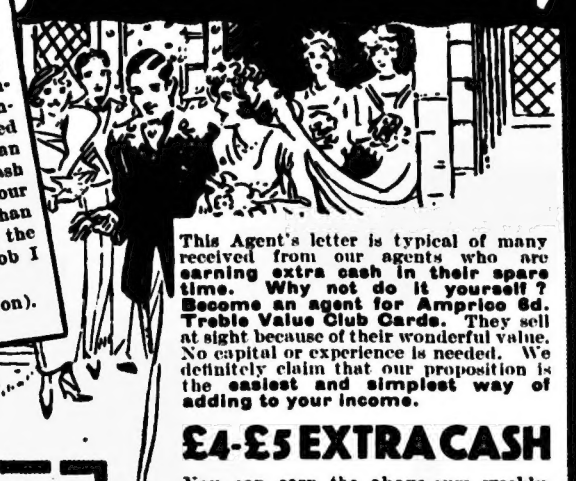

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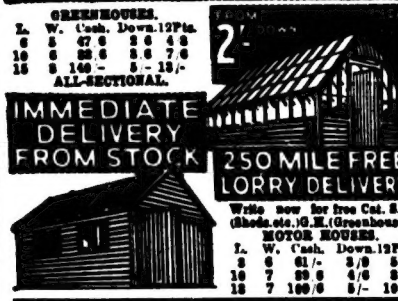

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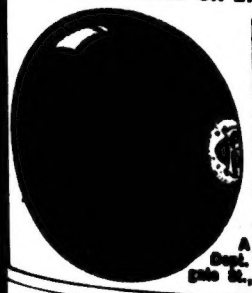

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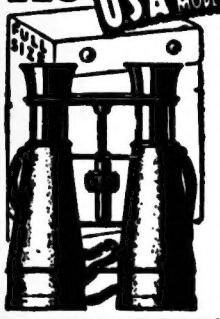

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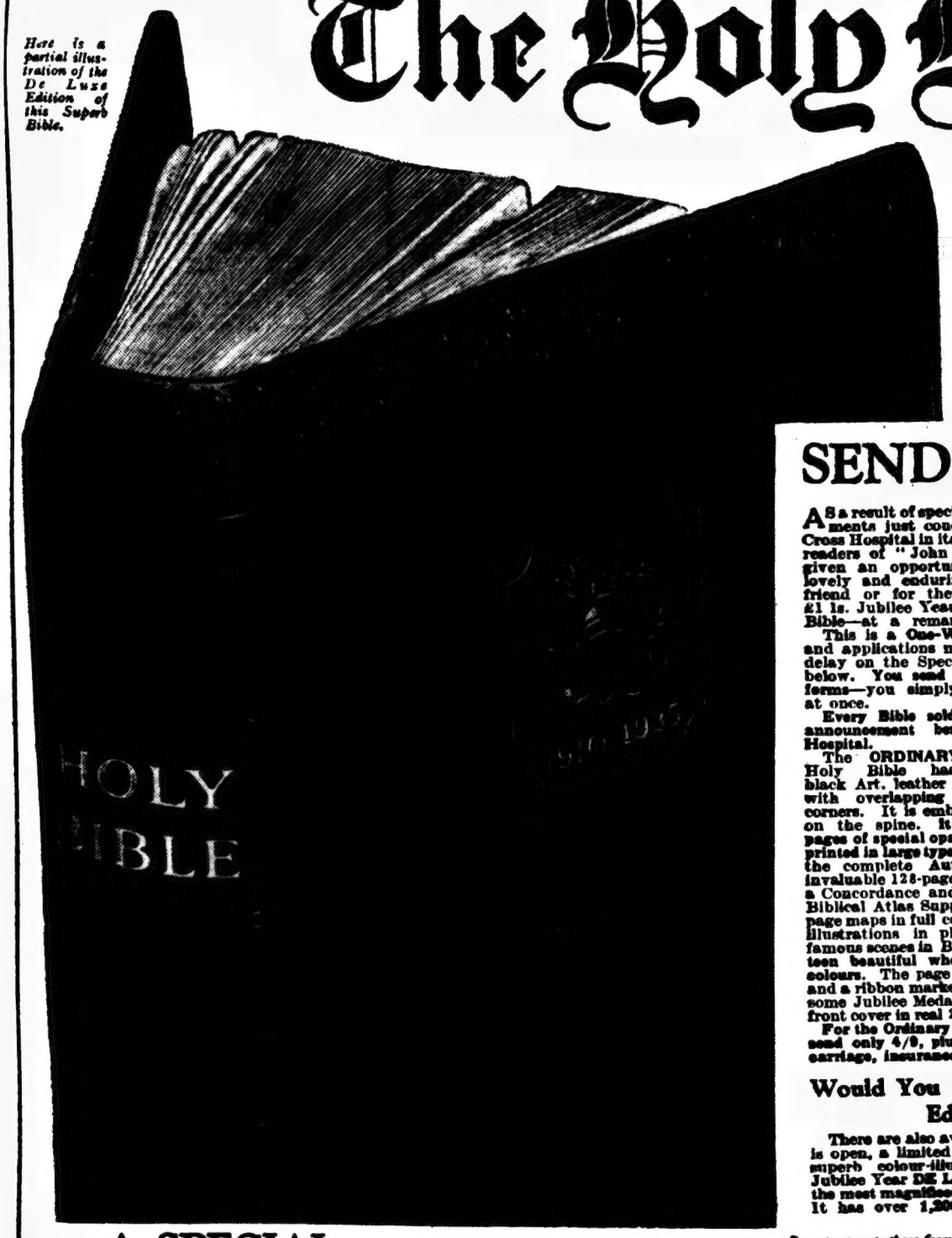

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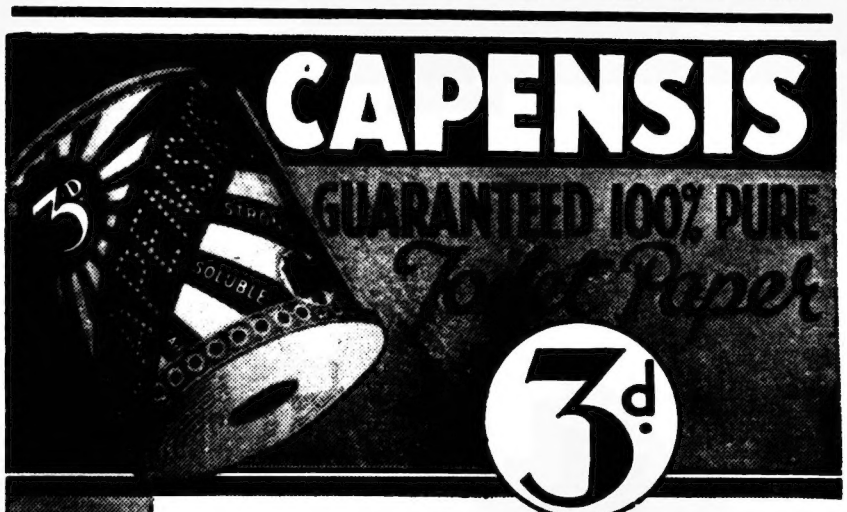

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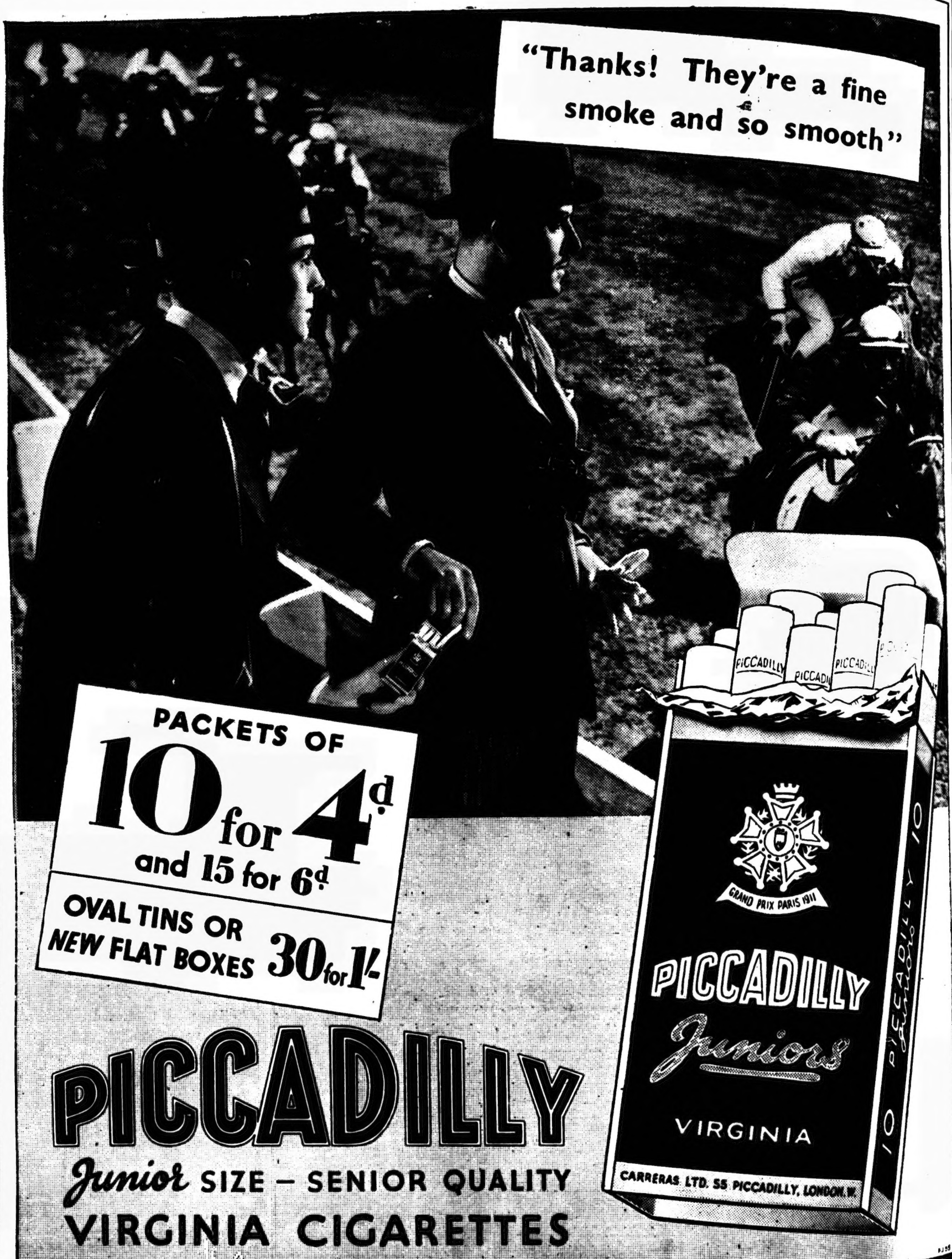
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His mother added her own simple eloquence to her son's pleading. He had always been a good boy at home, she said, but this police-court charge had grieved and crushed her. If only the magistrates would forgive him this one lapse she would do all in a mother's power to keep him in the right path for the future.

Or, if somebody must go to prison, she would willingly go in the place of her boy.

The Chairman of the Bench asked the police what they knew about the youthful prisoner. The local superintendent said that up till now he had been a decent lad, but lately he had been keeping bad company, and out of bravado, more than anything else, he had stolen the shoes.

There was no previous conviction against him. There was no solicitor to speak for the young man, to emphasise his previous good character, to plead that he might be bound over under the Probation of Offenders Act.

Without Fear or Favour

The magistrates hob-nobbed together for a few minutes. Then the Chairman announced their decision.

The boy was to go to prison for three months.

While the mother's sobs echoed through the court, this lad was led away to jail.

We say without hesitation that this was a brutal and stupid sentence. In the pages of John Bull it has always been contended that, save in the most exceptional circumstances, no youth or girl should ever be sent to prison for a first offence.

NOT till all other attempts at reformation have failed should any bench of magistrates be allowed to send to the squalor and shame of the common jail young offenders.

It was to prevent outrages of this sort that the Probation of Offenders Act was passed. The plain intention of Parliament was that, wherever possible, first offenders should be given a second chance, that they should be handed over to probation officers, usually the police-court missionaries, for care and supervision, and helped in every possible way to become honest, self-respecting citizens.

This humane measure has been in existence for nearly 30 years. Yet some magistrates obstinately refuse to use it. In more than 100 petty sessional divisions no probation officer has ever been appointed.

The backwoodsmen of the Bench prefer the old-fashioned methods of handling young criminals, the birch-rod, the reformatory school, and the "Black Maria."

If the offenders are too old to be whipped or shut up in an institution, then give them a sharp taste of prison. That will "larn" them to be criminals.

Unfortunately, that is exactly what it very often does. Contact with older criminals contaminates and corrupts juvenile offenders.

This point was emphasised the other day by Mr. Cecil Whiteley, K.C., the Common Serjeant of London, in an address to the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society. "*Some Benches think it right to send young girls to prison, but we are simply making criminals of them,*" he said.

Every year the Prison Commissioners furnish a return of the number of young people between the ages of 16 and 21 awarded prison sentences. In the last official year there were 128 girls and 2,653 boys.

Of this total of 2,781 young people, roughly one-third, 860 boys and 76 girls, were first offenders.

Their offences were nearly all of a minor character. There were only 11 cases of dangerous or violent crime.

The bulk of these first offenders had been convicted of petty thefts.

One has only to keep an eye on the newspapers to see what is constantly happening.

Here are a few cases selected at random. A girl cashier of twenty charged with pilfering money from her employers; total defalcations less than £5. Hitherto, a perfectly good character, nothing whatever known against her.

The Bench say she must be "made an example of." Four months' hard labour.

A maidservant, aged eighteen, given £2 by her mistress to settle bills at certain shops, disappeared with the money. Traced by the police, she confessed that she had spent it on a frock.

Five years in same employment with no complaint. Police say "nothing known." Appeal to place the girl on probation rejected. One month's imprisonment.

A nineteen-year-old milk roundsman, charged by his employers with embezzlement. Total sum involved, £12. Pleads that he owed money to a hire-purchase firm who were pressing him for immediate payment. Married, with one baby. Feared loss of his home. Solemnly promises never to offend again if given a second chance. Magistrates deaf to his appeal. Three months' jail.

The figures of the Prison Commissioners take no account of young people in prison on remand or of those committed for non-payment of fines. The inclusion of these would swell the total enormously.

On an average some 400 young persons a year go to prison for non-payment of fines. This is a cruel, uncivilised procedure. It punishes not crime, but poverty.

All fines should be payable by instalments according to the person's means.

IN the provinces there are no special prisons for this class of prisoner. They are herded with hardened felons in the county jails.

The most terrible part of this shocking evil is that, instead of diminishing, the number of young people sent to prison is increasing.

The latest figures are 2,653 boys and 128 girls. In 1925 there were only 1,359 boys and 93 girls.

The number of boys under twenty-one sent to prison nearly doubled in ten years, and the number of girls increased by over 25 per cent.

These astounding figures strikingly confirm the prophecy of Mr. Justice Greaves-Lord, who, before his elevation to the Bench, while Recorder of Manchester, said: "If magistrates will persist in sending boys to prison we shall have no diminution of juvenile crime."

Only the other day a boy was given two months' imprisonment for stealing a bicycle; another, three months for smashing a window.

Both lads were first offenders.

It ought not to be in the power of Justices of the Peace to send young men and women to prison for a first offence.

On the wise treatment of a first offender his whole future life may depend.

An eminent judge, warning the Magistrates Association to be careful with young offenders, described prisons as "colleges of crime."

No boy or girl should go to jail until the Probation Act has been tried and has failed.

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His helping hand

"My post-bag has brought me a multitude of letters from people in all walks of life," he writes to Hannen Swaffer, "but those I value most come from friends of my early years. Many of the writers are still toilers in the ranks of industry. In every instance they commence the letter by using my Christian name and finish by signing their own.

"This explanatory note is to convince you—if indeed that be necessary—that my aim and ideal are to give a pal a helping hand.

Good for industry

"Only yesterday, when presiding at a meeting of one of my companies, I emphasised the need for every worker to join his trade union. A strong and united body of workers makes it easier to bargain for wages and conditions of employment.

"When both parties, employer and employed, are agreed there is a greater respect for agreements. The wheels of industry move more smoothly."

Avoiding friction

Then, turning to Mr. Swaffer's plea, Sir Francis points out that "the Federation is an organisation to deal with many matters, but it is not designed to take any part in wage questions.

"Every industry will determine its own policy in this matter. Neither the president nor the F.B.I. as a body can intervene. We would only create friction if we suggested a pious resolution.

"So far as I can in my own sphere of business I am in agreement with your proposal, but, believe me, it isn't easy to get everyone to see things through one's own spectacles.

Towards the goal

"Even if the gesture cannot be translated into fact, you and I know that in our lifetime . . . conditions of employment have improved substantially, although much remains to be done until the goal is reached.

"You in your way and I in mine will keep our eyes fixed on the goal even if we stumble on the road which must be travelled to get there.

"But rest assured that the knowledge of the struggles of past years and the friendships of those old days only deepen my determination to do my best to make this country a better place for us all to live in."

A good start

We make no apologies for quoting so much of this letter, for surely the good will it expresses should be the aim of all employers and workers alike.

Let us hope that the coming day of national celebration will not only mean a paid holiday for all, but will assist in bringing about a still better understanding in our industrial life.

Lucky children

To those who have not yet entered industry, nothing could be more admirable than the generous gesture of Alderman Lomas-Walker, chairman of West Riding County Council.

He is arranging, with the help of friends, to open a banking account with

Sir Francis Joseph

the sum of a shilling for each elementary schoolchild on the council's registers as a Jubilee celebration.

Lucky children of the West Riding!

Short shrift for crooks

By the way, since our recent disclosures concerning the crooks on Scotland Yard's "Jubilee black list," no fewer than three of the rogues named there have been tracked down and are now being dealt with.

Alexander Harris, another notorious crook who hoped to exploit the public during the coming celebrations, committed suicide in his cell shortly after arrest.

Better hospitals

The Government should see that no obstacles stand in the way of Lord Luke's Bill to enable voluntary hospitals to take paying patients.

Nursing homes are not always so well equipped or managed as they should be, and many middle-class people would prefer to receive hospital attention.

Of course, paying patients must not be allowed to monopolise hospital beds and crowd out people who cannot afford to pay, but as amendments to the Bill have been promised to ensure this, no reasonable objection can be raised.

Hitting the dodgers

We welcome also the news that regulations are to be tightened up to prevent rich men from dodging their surtax, usually by forming companies abroad.

Moreover, they will no longer be able to accumulate hundreds of thousands of pounds arrears.

As our recent leading article protested, the small taxpayer has to pay up promptly or go to prison. The big taxpayer is now to have the same treatment.

Despised J.P.s

Support for our campaign against another old evil—that of incompetent and aged J.P.s—comes from Mr. D. N. Pritt, K.C.

Indeed, he goes so far as to say that the vast bulk of the public fear, hate, and despise the courts of summary jurisdiction; in equally vigorous language he denounces the system of rewarding political services by magisterial appointments.

Sir William Jowitt, K.C., ag[illegible] a thorough overhaul is nee[illegible]

all magistrates should be trained in the law.

Urgent need

We don't think there is much to choose between magistrates with a political bias and magistrates who are wholly ignorant of the law. And almost as bad, it seems to us, are those doddering old J.P.s who should have been retired ten, twenty or even thirty years ago.

We can only hope that the resolution being sent to the Lord Chancellor, pleading for magistrates free from disabilities of this sort, will result in the long overdue reform.

Loathsome shows

With the opening of the holiday season in sight, we must draw the attention of the Home Secretary to a disgusting new form of seaside entertainment.

It is just about a hundred times worse than the "fasting bride" performances we criticised last summer. This time the brides will not only fast, but will do so while frozen in blocks of ice.

Action wanted

It is ironic that Blackpool will be the first home of this gruesome exhibition, for that popular town has for some time been trying to get Parliamentary powers to free itself from such unwelcome distinctions.

But we repeat that revolting exhibitions should be banned not only from Blackpool, but everywhere else. Decent people don't want starving brides, frozen couples, pole-squatters and all the rest of the abominable gang.

Dear drink

We shan't be surprised if you find it hard to believe a true story which comes from the village of Studham, where a main water supply has recently been laid on by Luton Rural District Council.

One resident who attempted to use this new service when his well ran dry was told that he must journey into Luton, eight miles away, to pay a shilling for a key and half a crown a month before he could do so. As the water was required at once for his invalid mother, he asked if he might borrow some from one of the people allowed to use the supply. That request was refused.

Amazing penalty

He therefore decided to draw a bucket of water without further parley—for which he and a man who helped him have been fined 30s.

Thirty shillings for a bucket of water badly needed by an invalid seems to us not only pretty dear, but a damnable example of autocracy.

The Fragrant Minute.

TRY

HARD is the task for you to-day and you can see it means a fight. Will you succeed? No one can say, but if you try—you might! Ambition urges you to climb. You've kept the goal for years in sight. "Will I," think you, "get there in time?" Well—if you try—you might!

One thing is sure, one thing I know, if you don't try (please note the 'don't'), however long Time's rivers flow, 'tis certain that you won't. However long the sun may shine, if you don't try (accent the 'don't'), though for success you droop and pine—it's certain that you won't.

And thus we see the matter clearly, we may succeed if we but try; if not completely, well then nearly, so let's attempt it, you and I. Better to fall than just stand still. Better to fall than tread fear's vale. Better to try to climb that hill—besides you may not fail!

Wilhelmina Stitch.

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Road deaths invited

Quite as crazy and unnecessary is the decision that young Wimbledon children must in future tramp to a school far away from their homes. Instead of walking through quiet streets in safety, they will have to go a mile and a quarter along a main road.

Already a child has been killed in attempting to cross that road, but what are a few young lives to officialdom?

Week's good deed

Miss Kathleen Hutchinson, of Blackpool, must be the most surprised young woman in Britain.

Summoned for not having a licence for her dog, it was revealed in court that she was an invalid and that the dog did the shopping. Her income is 19s. 6d. a week, rent 8s. 6d. The Bench dismissed the case with costs, which the chief constable paid.

In the few days that have elapsed since then sympathisers have sent her £400!

If warmongers ever make you despise the human race, think of the kindness displayed by ordinary, decent folk.

The best policy?

Familiar as we are with the law relating to "finding and keeping," we can't appreciate the justice of a Glasgow court decision.

A shopkeeper in whose premises a purse containing £7 was left a year ago—and which he handed to the police—sought its return in order to give it to a local charity. The magistrate, however, ordered that it should go into the police funds.

Surely this puts an almost unbearable strain upon individual honesty?

Should a wife dance?

Nor do we like the dictum of Sunderland's magistrates that a man has a right to forbid his wife to attend a dance.

And they have actually held guiltless of cruelty a husband who threatened his wife with a dog-whip after she had been dancing.

That decision, we think, will come as a shock to people who think that cave-men tactics have been killed by the ridicule of stage comedians.

Good news for him

We have often pointed out that many disabled ex-soldiers may be unaware that they are entitled to a bigger pension. The case of a Minsted, Sussex, reader who lost part of his right arm provides a fresh example.

Our Pensions Expert has secured him a permanent pension increase of 10 per cent. and arrears amounting to £162 12s.

But for JOHN BULL this belated act of justice would not have been granted.

Out of court

We are not so surprised as the Newcastle coroner that the father of a fourteen-months-old baby should have pressed for more information concerning the child's death. Though admitted to the Royal Victoria Infirmary suffering from scalds, the baby was found when discharged to have developed scarlet fever.

The parents believe that the disease was contracted in hospital, but the woman who made this statement was promptly ordered to leave the court.

We think a thorough investigation of the complaint would have been fairer not only to the parents but to the hospital concerned.

Not the same

Mr. Whitney Straight, chairman of Air Commerce, Ltd., has asked us to state that his company has no connection whatsoever with the business of Aviation Commerce which was criticised in our issue of March 30. We willingly do so

The Ugly House Outrage

by Sir

Giles Scott, R.A.

President of the Royal Institute of British Architects

THIS Spring, we are to see, from all present indications, the onset of another building boom greater than any which has taken place in the years gone by. Everywhere the tentacles of the towns will spread further out into the countryside, and in scores of rural areas, in places which were sleepy villages a year ago, small townships are to arise wherever there is the excuse of an adjacent railway station or one of the new ribbon highways.

Private enterprise (meaning the speculative builder), still lagging behind the insatiable public demand for more and more building, hopes to exceed its previous totals of 200,000 new houses per annum. And now the local authorities, urged by the Government, are to swell enormously the volume of building work in an effort to get rid of the slums.

Before this vast building boom begins, cannot we stop for a moment and consider what we are doing with England? When we build, we build for the living *and* we build for the unborn. We determine for good or ill the lines of our roads, making them pleasant or ugly, safe or dangerous. We settle the faces of the streets which our children and their children are to enjoy or curse.

Are we to continue along the way we have so far followed, allowing leagues of jerry-built ugliness to spread, without giving intelligent thought to road planning, to the creation of parks and playing fields and to the appearance of the houses which all passers-by are forced to see? Are we to leave to our grandchildren a monument of our mean muddle-headedness, of our failure to think ahead?

Few people realise how fast the new England is growing. Three houses were built last year for every one in 1924. And in those ten years I have seen the outskirts of our cities becoming rapidly choked with square miles of housing, built by private enterprise, hardly any of which has any pretensions whatsoever to intelligent town-planning or to beauty, grace or fitness.

Like Topsy, they have "just growed." But "growed" in surpassing ugliness, without order or plan and with a spendthrift disregard for the amenities of the land and the inheritance of those who are to come after us.

Englishmen have always jealously guarded the private rights of the individual; a man may do what he likes with his own land and his own house provided he be not a nuisance or a danger to his neighbours. But the preservation of private rights has in this matter created public wrongs, notably the evil of ribbon development. The private right of the individual to sell his road frontage for building and the private rights of the electricity, gas and water companies to lay their mains along the roads have resulted in countless leagues of strip villas, built with dreadful monotony, congesting and making dangerous both the old roads and the new arterial roads and by-passes.

Yet it is all in a large measure avoidable. Economical planning and good design cost no more than bad; indeed, they are often cheaper in the first place and always cheaper in the long run. How is it to be done?

The local authorities have been given by Parliament the powers necessary to control the growth of the towns and villages for which they are responsible. These powers are embodied in the various Town Planning Acts. By exercising these powers they can decide what areas shall be used for factories and what for residences; they can plan the roads and footpaths on right lines; they can prevent the erection of ugly houses. They can, in short, control the spoiling activities of the speculating builder.

IN order to give advice to local authorities in this last matter, the Royal Institute of British Architects, in conjunction with the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, set up a series of voluntary Advisory Panels.

This scheme, which has been blessed by the Minister of Health, exists to advise the local authorities on those questions of planning and design which they have no one properly qualified to decide.

What have the local authorities of this country so far done? A few are going wholeheartedly for intelligent town-planning and employing competent advisers who are either members of the Town Planning Institute or of the R.I.B.A. More are using the Advisory Panels to control the appearance of houses.

But many are doing nothing at all and very, very few are using their powers with vision and imagination.

It is the speculating builder who has made this control of building necessary. There are many kinds of him. A few of the more enlightened sell houses that are well built, are pleasing in appearance and are well laid out. They realise the plain fact that good design and workmanship are good business. Such as these employ competent architects to advise them.

At the other end of the scale is the "jerry-builder," mainly responsible for the outbreaks of bad fake Tudor, building as badly as the local by-laws will let him, having no consideration either for local amenities or for his fellow-men, provided he can get enough of the last to buy his houses. In between are speculating builders of all shades of competence.

The speculating builder needs to be controlled and he needs to be educated.

It is a comment on our times that in the midst of the greatest building boom in the history of the land there are thousands of young, trained architects competent to give this much-needed service to the community.

Some time ago the Institute of which I am President drew up a scheme whereby the services in planning and design of qualified architects could be made available to any builder at a scale rate of fees that could make no possible difference to the cost of a house, however cheap—a mere matter of a guinea or two, returned to the builder over and over again in the increased value of the house he is selling.

So far the response has been small, since many speculating builders are quite happy with the present state of affairs and will not do better work until forced by the local authorities.

THERE are also the building societies, which, to judge by the recent declarations of some of their leaders, are now alive to the shoddy ruin which is being made of the landscape, and aware of their responsibilities in the matter. As Sir Harold Bellman recently said, "It is in our direct interest to protect ourselves and our borrowers from shoddy work in construction, reprehensible in design and shoddy in choice of site. . . ." They have the whip hand over the speculative builder.

What of the individual? In this country we have established the right of the individual to food and to education. Surely it is time we gave him the right to a good dwelling in pleasant surroundings—the right to have beauty in his everyday life?

The requirements in a house which has beauty are simple. It should be competently planned to give good living conditions and to ease the work of the housewife. It should be of the twentieth century and not aping some bygone architectural style. It should suit its position, according with the other houses of an urban street or the fields, downs and trees of the countryside. It should be placed so that the lives of his children are not endangered by motor traffic at his door. It should give him reasonable access to recreations, parks, playing fields, sunshine and fresh air.

All these things can be obtained if the community will demand them; by insisting that the local authorities use the powers they possess and use them intelligently; by educating themselves in beauty and seeing that they get it in their homes; by demanding that expert advice shall be obtained both for the planning of their town, suburb or village, as well as for their house.

Beauty is not the prerogative of the rich, but is the birthright of every man. It costs nothing but knowledge and foresight.

There is a burden and a responsibility laid on us all. England belongs not only to us, but to those who come after us. Let us build for beauty and permanence while the opportunity is in our hands, let us build for them as well as ourselves, so that when their time comes they do not inherit a slum

WOMEN *who* MUST

"AND to my dear wife I give, devise and bequeath . . ."

There is a note of deepened solemnity in the voice of the family solicitor as the reaches these words. Members of the family strain forward to hear. Gathered together immediately after the funeral for the reading of the will—according to an almost invariable British custom—they take a quick and anxious glance at the widow.

At the words that follow they sink back again as if a load has been taken off their minds. The amount that is named will ensure her enjoying to the end of her days all the comforts to which she has been accustomed, and there is a perceptible air of relief all round—even on the faces of people present whose own high expectations have been dashed to the ground.

But, apparently, the reference to the widow is not yet finished. What is this proviso the solicitor is intoning from the document he holds in his hands . . . ?

Voice of the dead

There is a deepening of the already tremendous hush when it becomes known that the money stated, the widow's right to the house she has lived in since her wedding day, and the goods she has shared with her husband, are only hers on one condition.

That condition is that she must not remarry. No matter what her age, her inclination or her charm, no matter what manner of man may in future cross her path, she can only become his life partner by forfeiting all interest accorded her in the will.

Again a voice has spoken from the dead, prescribing enforced widowhood for the woman he has left to mourn him—a lifetime spent at her fireside confronted by an empty chair.

It is not a rare condition in a will, this.

In no fewer than fifty-seven last wills and testaments admitted to probate last month—as there are fully five hundred cases each year, the figure is not much above average—the widows of the men who "thereunto set their hands" were told they would lose all or a substantial part of their inheritances if they married again.

In a recent case a widow learned that she stood to lose a life-income from more than a million pounds if ever she took to herself another husband. It was the bulk of what her husband left after death duties of more than a million pounds had been paid.

Another woman who received the benefit of most of her husband's £100,000 estate learned that all she would have left would be £400 if romance called her to the altar again.

As the widow hears the solicitor read the husband's will, banning a second marriage, visions of a life condemned to loneliness must spring to her mind—unless she cares to sacrifice the legacy of the dead man.

Then a man who left more than £100,000, most of it to be held for the benefit of his wife, laid it down that if she married again a mere £500 and the use of his household and personal effects would be her share.

In one man's will the testator specified that the income on nearly £100,000 would be halved whenever his widow changed her status again for marriage. And yet another man who left about the same amount, most of it for the benefit of his wife, dictated that she should lose two-thirds of it in such circumstances.

One-half of her income on £50,000 and the use of her husband's house and lands is what one widow stands to lose. One husband who left his wife the income on about the same amount said she would have to manage on £250 a year if she found another husband.

And, to sketch over a few more of hundreds of recent cases, a woman whose husband had died was told her income on nearly a quarter of a million would be halved, another that her income of several thousands a year would be reduced to an annuity of £200, and yet a third that her interest on £40,000 reduced to an interest on £20,000, if they go to the altar again.

No doubt in the foregoing cases the stipulations as to re-marriage may be quite agreeable to the widows concerned. In not one case is it suggested that the motives of the husbands were anything but the best. But they do show that the desire of men to impose the marriage ban on their widows is more widespread than is generally believed.

In cases where smaller amounts have been at stake—sums ranging from £50 to £10,000—these husbands who want their wives to remain widows for the rest of their lives have been even more drastic.

In most cases of that kind they have said plainly that they will forfeit all interest under the will if they break that condition.

What impulse prompts a happily married man to make such a proviso in his will at a time when he cannot know how much distress he may cause his wife in the distant future? Make no mistake about it, they are usually partners in the happiest of marriages.

No dullness

Let us consider, in the first place, the most obvious reasons for such conduct. High in the list comes a natural disinclination on the part of a man who has built up a fortune by dint of years of toil to leave it in the hands of a frivolous young woman who he thinks will disperse it in next to no time.

There is the case of one wealthy man who died some time ago. Largely through the help and inspiration of his first wife who died ten years ago, leaving him with children, he had built up a for-

Hush-Hush Rug Ramp

WHAT may be described as a new twist is being given to the familiar carpet trick by a clever gang which is finding victims in various parts of the country.

Recently a reader at Bath was visited by a smart and voluble salesman who said that he represented Messrs. Andrews and Co., Ltd., Antique Dealers, of 124, Watergate, London.

This bright young man explained that he was prepared to value without charge anything from a rug to a bookcase. Indeed, his firm was prepared to buy almost anything of value at fair prices.

By this time the householder had become interested and produced an Indian silk bedspread which his caller valued at £12 10s., saying that he would consult his firm with a view to purchase.

Later Messrs. Andrews and Co., Ltd., sent a letter stating that they would buy the bedspread for £12 10s. and that their representative would call in four days to complete the transaction. There was also enclosed a list of prices offered for Persian rugs.

A peculiar thing about this letter was the statement typed in red and underlined: "This name and address not to be disclosed."

But there was was an unexpected development, for on the following day two men of seafaring appearance called at the house and offered six Persian rugs for sale.

At this point the householder saw possibilities, as he was doubtless intended to do. He remembered the prices quoted for Persian rugs by Messrs. Andrews and Co., Ltd., in their letter of the previous day. With this in his mind he decided to buy the six rugs offered for £50, expecting to resell them to the firm which was buying his silk bedspread.

After the departure of the seafarers there were no developments, because the representative never called to pay for and collect the bedspread. Thus he found himself landed with six Persian carpets of doubtful value, for which he had been bluffed into paying £50.

The red-lettered warning by Messrs. Andrews and Co., Ltd., that their name or address should not be disclosed adds a touch of comedy to the story. The fact is that the head office address of the firm given as 124, Watergate, London, does not exist!

NEVER MARRY . .

. . They Risk a Fortune if they Do

fune far in excess of £200,000, as revealed by his will.

Two years ago he met a London typist, a pretty young woman in the early twenties. He married her, and almost at once she showed him that she wasn't going to let him be the "dull dog" his first wife had known, but was going to keep him on the move seeing places, searching feverishly for new experiences, spending the money a dead woman had helped him to accumulate.

That man left the income from the bulk of his estate to his new wife within a few months of marrying her. But who, in this case, can blame him for stipulating that if she married again it should be her new husband who would have to keep her, and that her vast interest in the will should then pass to the children of the woman who had made his success in life possible?

Now there is no evidence that he neglected his children to give that new wife a riotous time. But if such were the case, he was undoubtedly undoing in death a wrong he had perpetrated in his lifetime.

The stipulation that a woman shall not marry again is in many more cases only part of the general precautions taken by the testator to safeguard his estate against a woman who might fritter it away.

The wife of a business man who amassed a five-figure fortune, for instance, had always been urging him to give up the business and settle down to a country life that would include plenty of hunting. His great fear was that his young wife—and his money—would become the prize of one of those many young men one meets in hunting circles who never seem to earn a penny piece, and yet manage to enjoy all the major pleasures of life by hook or by crook.

That man feared, perhaps, that his wife would give up the business. In yet another case—that of a man who died leaving nearly £100,000, and stipulated that his wife should lose everything if she re-married—his fear was that his widow would turn to business.

She had always talked of building up a chain of shops all over the county. She knew a young man about her own age—30—who could supply all the experience if she would provide the money.

But it happened that the husband knew that fellow who was to supply the "experience," and had made some inquiries about him. Whatever the result of them, it undoubtedly led him to make what seemed, on the face of it, to be a harsh stipulation in his will.

There are many other cases of men who insist on such provisos for excellent reasons—as many, perhaps, as there are of men whose motives are petty and mean.

Scores of them give the excellent reason that no good can come of a woman marrying a man who is not in a position to maintain her. They feel that if their wives do meet such men it is obviously equitable that the benefit those women received under the will should pass to the children.

One testator said bluntly that he felt he was doing his wife a service in protecting her against the possibility of being wooed and won by somebody who might not think highly enough of her to work for her, and might only value her for her money.

Perhaps more extraordinary was the reason for his action which one husband set down in his will. He actually forecast who his wife would want to marry after his death. And, what is more, he paid a sterling tribute to the man.

He said, in effect, that such a man would have too much pride to want a woman to keep him, and laid down, therefore, that the money on which his wife was to draw a life interest should pass to their children on her remarriage.

Nor have we exhausted even yet the perfectly understandable reasons why a man should want his widow to remain a widow. What is perhaps one of the most important has not yet been mentioned.

A happy husband and father who has taken it into his head to make or alter his will looks at the little family that plays at his knee. If their mother should ever marry again and have another family—what then?

They might get a cruel stepfather. A woman's money has often enough been known to attract such. In any case it would be understandable if the new husband put the interests of his own children first.

Why should *his* money go, primarily, to educating and giving every advantage in life to another man's brood, thinks the man who is thinking in terms of his last will and testament.

So who can blame him if he pens the condition ".... but should my wife remarry ...."?

Up to now we have had nothing to say of the ulterior reasons that can—and do—prompt a man to deny his wife a chance of remarriage, save at the loss of all benefit under his will. And without any doubt there are many such.

For reasons of jealousy, spite, temper and altogether unjustifiable suspicion men have been known to doom wives much younger than themselves, wives so young that you might almost say of them that their lives are really only just beginning, to sit for the rest of their lives confronted by an empty chair.

Men with a grudge

One comparatively elderly husband ordained that fate for his young wife for no other reason than that, as a tennis enthusiast, she had found a regular "doubles" partner of whom the husband had developed a venomously jealous hatred.

There must be numberless husbands who must be crazily jealous of their wives because of some slight smile bestowed on or received from some presentable young man, judging by those who have tried to sentence their wives to a lifetime of widowhood for little more reason.

One man who entertained such illusion about his wife went beyond the usual insistence that she should never be married again. He actually laid it down that she must reside with his mother, and, in her relations with the male sex, satisfy that good woman's apparently abnormally high standard of moral conduct, if she was to continue to benefit from his estate.

Then there is that other group of testators—husbands with a grudge against their wives. In many respects they resemble the jealous type.

One man had tamed his once lively young wife to spend every evening by the fireside and pretend to share his interest in books. Nights at the dance or theatre became a thing of the past. She had to talk and be in attendance on him every waking hour of his life. He insisted that her mind should be very much a copy of his own.

One day she sought the fleeting joy of a visit to a theatre, at which his anger knew no bounds. But she little guessed that as a result of it he would alter his will.

Not until he died eight months after did she discover that she was either to remain a widow for the rest of her days or forfeit the income on a vast sum, and what is more, the wording of the will made it quite clear to her mind that this was her punishment for her one very small breach of the rules of life he had imposed upon her.

Another man harboured the idea that his wife had trapped him into marriage against his will. Although he left her a big annuity, it was small compared with the extent of his estate. But she was to lose every penny of that if she remarried—for no other reason than a determination that she shouldn't catch any other unfortunate member of the male sex as she had caught him!

Great helpers

What can one think of some other types of men who have insisted on companionless lives for the women they leave behind them?

A man who had pretended that he had a branch business in Paris—the branch business consisting of nothing more or less than another family of "wife" and three children—and who, despite his own love for the opposite sex, insisted that his real wife should never marry again. . . .

The man whose point of view was that all his forefathers had had wives who had accompanied them, at the end, into the family tomb, and that he wasn't going to be robbed of his chance by another man . . .

What kind of mentality have they? Can there be many people who share such strange points of view?

But whatever the reasons men may have for laying down such conditions in their wills, one point has to be borne in mind in fairness to the women concerned. That is that wives very often play quite a big part in helping a man to accumulate a fortune.

Sometimes it is the little that a woman inherits that becomes, with the help of their joint endeavours, the £100,000 or £200,000 the husband leaves when he dies.

In other cases a husband owes all he has to a wife who has checked his spendthrift proclivities.

The idea that a woman is necessarily a man's dependant is old-fashioned and out of date. In many modern marriages she fully deserves to regard at least a third of her husband's earnings as due to her inspiration or spurring.

The remedy

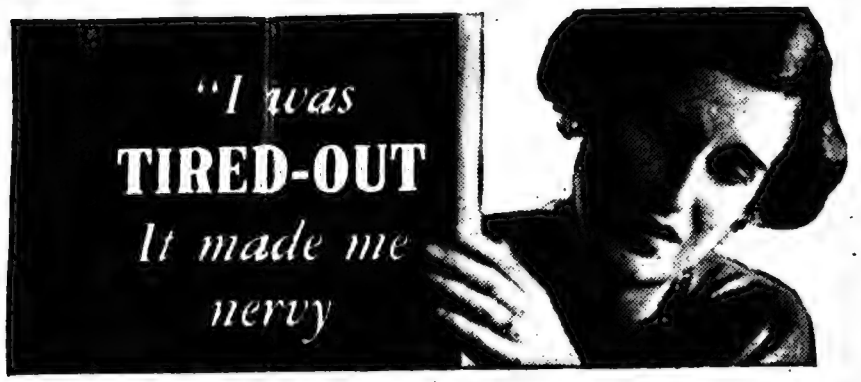
Here, then, in the view of many women's organisations, is a reason why a woman should be guaranteed a fair share in her husband's estate—the figure has been put at one-third—without any conditions at all, harsh or otherwise.

A man cannot stipulate, in making a will, that his daughter, or niece, or cousin, or brother, or any other person he has nominated to benefit, must lose all such benefit in the case of marriage or remarriage.

The courts would justifiably hold that it was against good public policy, and an incentive to immorality.

But it is not so in the case of the man's own wife. If every penny he is leaving comes from her, or has been assembled due to her help or inspiration, she can be made to lose every tittle of income from it the moment she goes to the altar with another man.

And not until a woman has been given an interest in her husband's estate in her own right will this and similar wills injustices be remedied



My own children were *afraid* of me"

"until *this nurse told me what was wrong*—

" I have two children, Jo aged 11, and Eddie who'll be 10 next birthday. I'm terribly proud of them both — but last winter I got tired out. The poor little souls kept making so much noise that they got on my nerves. I had to scold them to keep quiet. They started to be afraid of me . . .

I FELT ASHAMED

" Then one Saturday I had a new friend of mine in to tea. Suddenly Eddie began hitting his knife on his plate. I was still aching with tiredness — the noise went right through my head. Without stopping to think what I was doing, *I raised my hand to him.* But when I saw the amazement on my friend's face, I felt ashamed . . .

" The next afternoon we went for a walk in the park together. ' Please don't think I'm interfering,' she said. ' I know you find the children trying — but it's all because you're so badly run-down, you know.'

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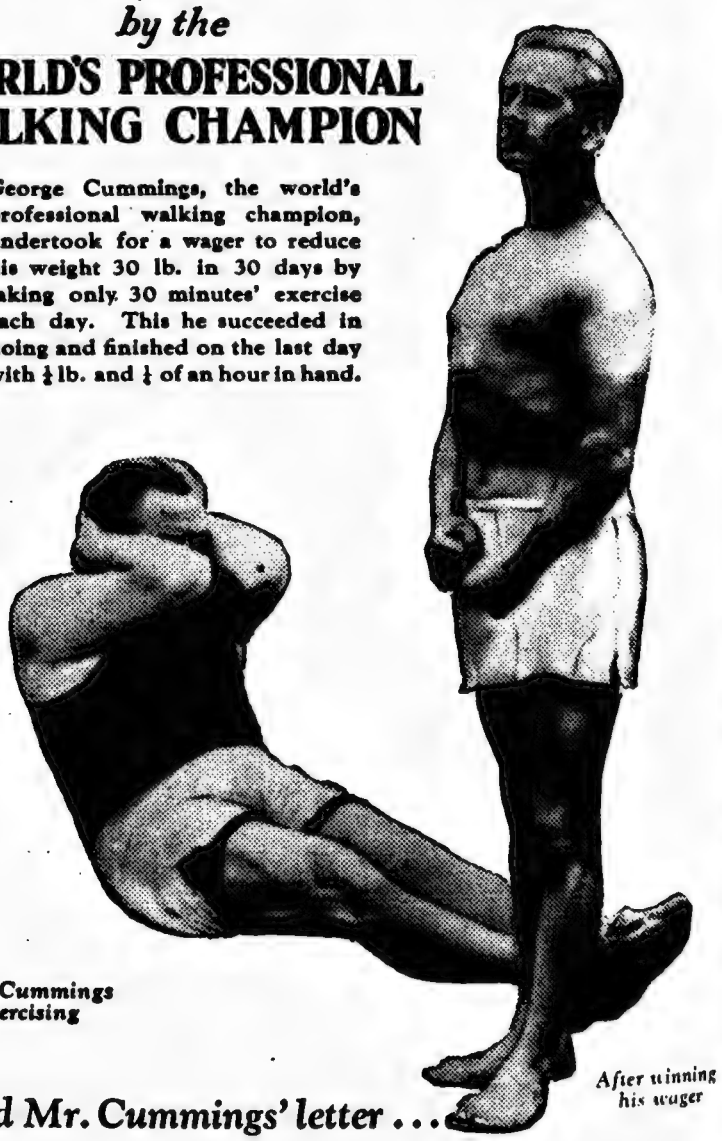

Mr. Cummings exercising

After winning his wager

Read Mr. Cummings' letter . . .

" When I won a wager by reducing my weight 30 lb. in 30 days by half an hour's exercise a day, Bread was practically my sole food. I used to eat great chunks of it, both white and brown, with plenty of butter. To perform a task of this description one must keep up one's strength to the maximum. I quickly found that Bread was essential if I was to succeed in my Herculean feat. I eventually won with a ¼ lb. in hand and a ¼ of an hour to go, after which, to prove *I had gained in strength, I walked 7½ miles in one hour.* At the commencement of my task I could not have walked six miles in that time." " Bread is indeed the staff of life."

George Cummings

Definitely... BREAD does NOT fatten

C.F.H.63

Hannen Swaffer's *Open Letter to* Canada's New Governor-General

They Want YOUR COMMONER TOUCH!

DEAR COLONEL BUCHAN,—So you are the first commoner chosen as Governor-General of Canada. They will have to make a peer of you, of course, although I do not suppose that, in a few years, even that will be thought necessary when a titular head of the Canadian democracy is chosen.

Your appointment is symptomatic of that great change which has taken place in the British Empire during the reign of King George V.

Australia chose for its present Governor-General an Australian and a Jew—a man who is still a commoner. He was chosen by the Australian people without reference to Whitehall.

You were chosen by the people of Canada through their Prime Minister. You will not, except in a nominal sense, represent the King. You will have no power. You will have no authority. You will be just a nominal figure.

Viscount Byng, when he was Governor-General, made the mistake, splendid fellow though he is, of taking a Party view in regard to a dissolution of Government. An error like that will never be repeated.

* * *

I said "British Empire," using the timeworn phrase. Actually, the British Empire is dead. It is now a Commonwealth of Nations, each Dominion running its own affairs, each having full authority, each a self-governing entity. Only the Crown Colonies and the Indian Empire, as we still call it, are run from Whitehall.

Now you will find many changes in Canada. You will discover, although I am sure you know it already, that there is growing up there, in spite of its long-standing anti-America prejudices, an idea that Canada is more closely linked in Trade, in Art, and in Thought generally, with the United States than it is with a Great Britain which it fears may one day involve it again in a European dispute in which it is not concerned.

Canada turned down the Locarno treaty. Like the other Dominions, it is no longer bound to take part in any imperial war in which Great Britain is involved. So the strange anomaly has arisen that, while it can call, and would call, on Great Britain for support in any trouble in which it found itself, it is a separate entity able to refuse help to Great Britain if it pleases.

I do not know when you were last in Canada. But, whenever it was, you will find it changed. There is springing up everywhere a new Socialist body which calls itself the Commonwealth Confederation Party, one largely backed by farmers who believe in Social Credit, one largely supported by trade unions and one to which the young minds of Canada are turning.

Then suddenly, in the last few months, Bennett, the Canadian Prime Minister—yes, a lifelong Conservative—has turned strangely anti-Tory. It all began with his Minister of Trade and Commerce reading C.C.F. literature making a great speech in the Massey Hall, Toronto, on social evils and then becoming the head of a Great Probe, in which Big Business was exposed to its foundations. Great firms that have for long been regarded as the basis of Canada's trade were exposed.

Bennett pressed for the resignation of his Minister of Trade. This was, for months, refused. Then, the Minister resigned. Bennett, faced with an approaching election which would inevitably have led to his downfall, made five broadcast speeches in which, using sensational words for a Tory, he said that the downfall of Capitalism was not a temporary one, but that the whole economic structure of Society would have to be rebuilt.

Those speeches, heard on the air by millions, were a revelation.

Now you, when you reach Ottawa as Governor-General, will find a new Canada being born. The one I saw last summer was full of workless people. Farmers were growing wheat which they could not sell. Montreal was full of people who could not buy the wheat.

And there roamed about the roads of a great Dominion, or jumping from train to train, riding on the roofs, homeless wanderers in search of work. People went from Vancouver to the Eastern Provinces to look for a job. People from the Eastern Provinces went to Vancouver.

British immigrants, who, by the thousand, had gone to a "Land of Opportunity," were disillusioned.

And, everywhere, I found a protest against a System that had broken down. Now you, Colonel, have the opportunity of explaining to Bennett the British "dole" system, to copy which he will be forced. You will be able, with your close knowledge of British politics, to guide in an unofficial way.

* * *

You have been a clever publisher. You are an author of repute, a novelist and an historian. You are a politician with an honest record. You have represented the King in Scotland as High Commissioner to the Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

As a member of Lord Beaverbrook's staff at the Ministry of Information during the war, you had ample opportunity of examining the international situation, and you have studied it ever since. You are much more fitted for your job than most of the hereditary peers who have preceded you.

Your writings show the calmness of your judgment. You have risen quickly but not been seen to climb.

I wish you well in your new office, for I know that, as the first commoner to assume the high office of Governor-General of Canada, you will do much to carry on that ever-growing extension of democracy which has been the chief characteristic of King George's reign.

To-day, the peoples overseas are no longer regarded as subject races, held in fief. They are our equals, with equal rights. They are part of a new understanding which, if continued, will perpetuate the British Commonwealth of Nations, whereas the "Empire" would soon have perished.

You represent that new idea. Express it, and you will be doing a fine job.

CANDID COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. EILEEN MURPHY,
British Commercial Gas Association

DEAR LADY,—I like your proposal for a special prison for bad architects and jerry-builders, with cells as uncomfortable as the kitchens they design and build.

Would it not be better still to make them build those special prisons? They would find the falling plaster, leaky roofs, rotten floors and draughty doors much more unpleasant than hard labour.

JOHN BULL.

Dr. DAVID MORGAN,
Llandough Hospital, Cardiff

DEAR DOCTOR,—That's a useful little bit of reform—replacing the old starched dress of nurses by neat and soft one-piece overalls.

You claim it is cheaper, more comfortable and preferred by the nurses themselves, so I hope it will soon be adopted by every hospital—hard-up or otherwise.

JOHN BULL.

Dr. CYRIL NORWOOD: Eton and Harrow should be open to poor boys, you declare. Not till then will they be public schools.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. H. ASHLING,
Town Clerk, Bournemouth

DEAR SIR,—Urged to appoint an officer to levy distress warrants for rates, you reply that rather than inflict any hardship Bournemouth prefers to go to the other extreme.

Well, it's good to find a town heeding the "present feeling in the country on the payment of rates" and the difficulties of those who simply cannot pay promptly without going short of life's necessities.

I wish every town showed the same sensible mercy!

JOHN BULL.

Sir PHILIP CUNLIFFE-LISTER,
Colonial Secretary

DEAR SIR PHILIP,—Yorkshiremen, you say, breed the best horses, have the best grouse moors, produce the best men, the best cricketers and women who are in a class by themselves.

Since you are a Yorkshireman yourself, I presume that only your innate modesty prevents your roping in Cabinet Ministers.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. BASIL WATSON,
Stipendiary, North London Court

DEAR SIR,—A few days before his wife was to undergo a serious operation, a homeless and unemployed clerk appeared before you on a charge of theft.

He wanted to see that wife, then seriously ill, but hadn't a penny for bail.

In arranging for him to go at once to her sick bed you showed the wise humanity which should always temper justice.

JOHN BULL.

Captain O. SCHARF,
Commander, "Europa"

DEAR CAPTAIN,—When the British steamer *Blairgowrie* was sinking you were deeply moved by the courage of its wireless operator, with whom you kept in touch while rushing vainly to the scene.

Now, as a tribute to that dead hero, you are trying to find work for his unemployed brother, C. J. Taylor, of Yarmouth.

That is a fresh and admirable proof that comradeship knows no difference of race.

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Mr. ERIC MASCHWITZ,
B.B.C.

DEAR MR. MASCHWITZ,—You regard yourself as the most hated man in Britain because of the anonymous letter sent to you since Clapham and Dwyer stopped broadcasting.

Don't worry too much about that. It used to be the weather—now it's the B.B.C. which is the favourite butt of public disapproval.

JOHN BULL.

Mr. J. P. L. THOMAS, M.P.,
London, S.W.1

DEAR MR. THOMAS,—Evidently you can not only wring women's hearts but steal them, for three offers of marriage have been made to you as a result of your speech on infant mortality.

If only you could stir the emotions of our rulers so easily, something might be done at last to end the evil you deplored!

JOHN BULL.

Miss VIOLET PIERCY,
Woman Marathon Champion

DEAR MISS PIERCY,—After running more than five miles, you finished by racing to the top of the Monument. But why do you say you did it to show that women do these things as well as men?

Women are performing astounding feats of endurance every day, you know. Many of them are working-class mothers doing far more than a man's job.

JOHN BULL.

The TOWN COUNCILLORS,
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GENTLEMEN,—I have the greatest objection to the ratepayers' money being spent on subsidising sport, but you are wise in granting £500 for the improvement of the Stanley football ground, especially as nearly all of it will be used to provide work for the unemployed.

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DEAR MADAM,—Waking up in the middle of the night, you saw a burglar coming towards you. Did you scream?

No—you chased him, jumped on the running-board of the taxi in which he tried to escape, leapt again from the cab after him, and eventually placed him into the safe hands which will keep him for the next fifteen months.

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Mr. ASIA SCOTT,
Edlington, Yorkshire

DEAR SCOTT,—"I was very excited. My wife had given birth to a child and Sheffield Wednesday had beaten the Arsenal," you wrote when summoned for using bad language.

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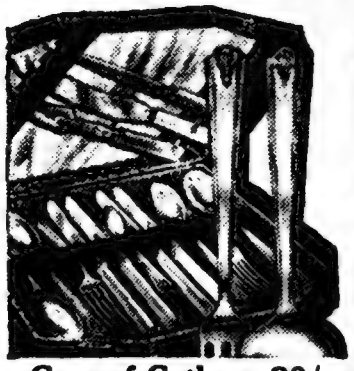

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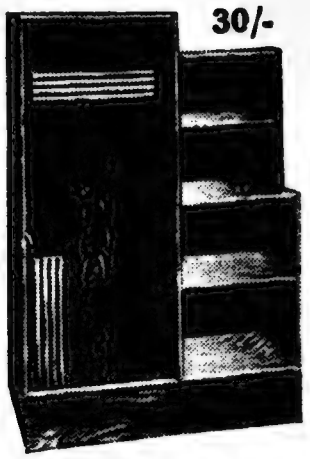

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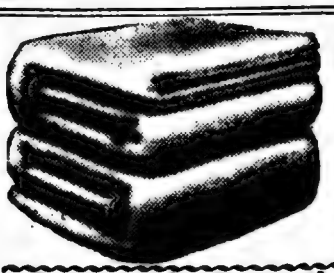

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Neville's Little Bit of Jam

by A. G. Gardiner

I DO not anticipate that Mr. Chamberlain will spring any pleasant surprise upon the country when he rises in the House of Commons next Monday to explain his Budget for the new financial year.

It is satisfactory, of course, that last year's Budget not only balanced but provided a surplus. That surplus is put at nearly £20,000,000, the year's revenue exceeding the estimate of £706,500,000 by roughly £10,000,000 and the expenditure falling below the estimate of £703,700,000 by well over £9,000,000.

As a matter of fact, this is too rosy a picture. No allowance has been made for interest accrued during the year on National Savings Certificates not presented for encashment. This represents something like £8,000,000, which means that the surplus available for reduction of the National Debt is only £12,000,000.

There is another respect in which I think the Budget for last year is too rosy a picture in regard to the future. Let me explain what I mean. I will go back to the crisis year of 1930-31 when the finances of the country were in desperate straits and when the Budget showed an actual deficiency of £105,900,000. It is a great thing to have recovered from that perilous position, to have balanced our Budget and to have a surplus in hand.

How has it been done? Not by a dramatic increase in our revenue raising power. That has remained unchanged. Not by drastic cuts in the cost of the Services. That has, on the whole, increased—in the case of the health and unemployment charges by over £40,000,000.

It has been done by three measures. They are these:—

(1) In the last Labour Budget of 1930-31 there was included a payment to America of £27,300,000, on account of the War debt. We have since ceased to honour that debt, and last year's Budget did not contain a sixpence on that account.

Expedients

(2) In the Budget of 1930-31 the provision for Sinking Fund—that is, for the repayment of National Debt—was £56,800,000. There was no such provision made last year, and the only contribution to the redemption of debt is the Budget surplus, which, as I have shown, is about £12,000,000.

(3) In the 1930-31 Budget the amount allocated to interest on the National Debt was £293,000,000. Owing to Mr. Chamberlain's conversion schemes the interest on the National Debt in last year's Budget was £200,000,000.

Thus on three items that figured in the last Labour Budget there has been a reduction of expenditure of £174,000,000. We have in the interval ceased budgeting for the redemption of the National Debt. We have repudiated the debt to America. We have docked the investor in Government securities of £93,000,000.

I am not criticising Mr. Chamberlain's expedients for balancing the Budget, though I can imagine the horror with which the Gladstones and Harcourts of the past would have heard of debt repudiation and of ceasing to provide for the extinction of the National Debt.

The point I am making is that with all these vast economies we have in five years only succeeded in barely paying our way and have failed to lighten sensibly the burden of the taxpayer.

Nor will that burden be lightened next week unless Mr. Chamberlain has some card up his sleeve of which no hint has appeared in any quarter. Let us look at the broad facts. On the experience of last year he can budget with his present scale of taxation for an income of £716,000,000.

But that will not be enough—not nearly enough. Expenditure is going on and on and up and up. There is an increase in the Army estimates for this year of, roughly, £4,000,000. There is an increase in the Air estimates of over £3,000,000. There is an increase in the Navy estimates of £3,500,000. That is £10,500,000 above the expenditure of last year on the Defence services alone.

There is another £10,000,000 increase on the Civil Service, and the grand total of the Civil and Defence estimates and of those for the Revenue Departments is £490,000,000 against £469,000,000 last year. This is an increase of £21,000,000.

But this is not all. There are various expenditures which are not included in the estimates but which will have to be provided for in supplementary estimates. There is £4,000,000 for the continuance of that deplorable folly, the beet sugar subsidy; £1,000,000 for the cattle subsidy up to the end of June only; £2,500,000 on grants to Distressed Areas; nearly £3,000,000 increased provision for Unemployment Assistance. And so on.

At the lowest calculation Mr. Chamberlain must raise £731,000,000 against the £716,000,000 revenue visible on the basis of last year's Budget. On that comparison, therefore, he will be short by £15,000,000.

It is possible that the taxation will be more productive this year. It will be levied on the past year's trading, which on the whole was more favourable. Let us suppose that he decides that he can count on the present scale of taxation realising £15,000,000 more than last year and so providing him with his necessary total of £731,000,000.

But then comes another consideration. What about the Sinking Fund? Mr. Chamberlain is an orthodox statesman who has been driven by necessity to courses of which he disapproves. The redemption of debt is a cardinal doctrine of sound national finance, and Mr. Chamberlain has only deserted it under desperate compulsion.

He dropped the Sinking Fund two years ago, intending to revive it last year. He found himself unable to do so, but in announcing the fact he practically committed himself to reinstituting the Sinking Fund this year.

The man — and the bag — with a secret. "If he can lighten our burden I shall be surprised. I shall be content if he does not increase it"

"Assuredly," he said, "a larger provision [for debt redemption] will have to be made in future financial periods."

If he is to give effect to this implied undertaking it seems pretty obvious that he will have to find other resources. The existing taxation may give him the £15,000,000 that he wants to make up his total of £730,000,000 odd, but it cannot conceivably bring in such an additional revenue as would provide for a substantial Sinking Fund in addition.

Cuts to consider

Much depends, of course, on whether his expert advisers take a cautious or a particularly sanguine view of the probable yield of taxation during the coming year. They alone have the knowledge on which to found a reliable forecast. But in any case I see no prospect of any substantial remission of taxation. If he finds that he is able to budget for a considerable surplus, it is the Sinking Fund rather than the income-tax payer which will get it.

Certain things, it may be assumed, he will feel morally obliged to do. He restored last year half the cuts made in 1931 in the wages of the public servants, and it was implied, I think, that the remaining half would be restored this year. There will be alleviations here and readjustments there.

But with the estimates all up and with the sky of Europe darkening with the menace of more expenditure on armaments, there is little ground to expect that Mr. Chamberlain will have much to give away. I shall be agreeably surprised if he is able to lighten our burden, but I shall be content if he does not increase it.

Barks from Berkshire

NOT FROM THE B.B.C.

WHEN Hitler takes to talking
The world pricks up its ears,
When Mussolini does so
Each loyal Fascist cheers,
But when the Sage of Wokingham
Projects a few remarks
Strong men feel, for the time, unmanned,
For silence reigns throughout the land
When Colonel Barker barks!

Then Cockneys quake and tremble,
And folk at Hammersmith
Regard with deep suspicion
Their dearest kin and kith,
While all the Berkshire livestock—
Cocks, nightingales and larks—
Resign the freedom of the air;
No dog to ope its mouth would dare
When Colonel Barker barks!

Maybe there are readers who have never heard of the Colonel, but any Londoners who have not already met him are pretty certain to do so. Their well-known criminal proclivities will ensure that, sooner or later, the meeting will take place —they standing in the dock and the Colonel sitting on the Bench.

It is on the Bench at Wokingham that Colonel F. G. Barker parks his military majesty, and it is from this forum that he sentenced Patrick English and William Walon to three and six months' hard labour, respectively, for attempting to steal a pair of field-glasses at the Garth Hunt Point-to-Point Races.

And in handing out these generous helpings of hard labour the gallant Colonel also handed out some hard sayings anent Londoners in general and residents of Hammersmith in particular.

"We get motor-coach loads of Londoners at these point-to-point races," he remarked, "and we'd rather be without them—far too much stuff is stolen. I hope the people of Hammersmith will keep away from these races in future."

It is to be hoped that this hope will be duly noted by residents of Hammersmith, one of the most notorious of whom is that arch-gangster A. P. ("Scarface") Herbert.

In fact, it is high time that all denizens of Chicago-on-Thames were compelled to keep within the boundaries of their tainted metropolis, otherwise nobody's field-glasses will be safe.

But even then there would always be the chance that at some future point-to-point meeting a couple of spoons might be pinched from the refreshment tent by a miscreant from Manchester, the son of an Aberdonian father and a Welsh mother.

So it looks as if the Barker ban, presumably based upon a study of criminal geography, will have to be greatly extended.

That London lads are wicked
All Berkshire will agree;
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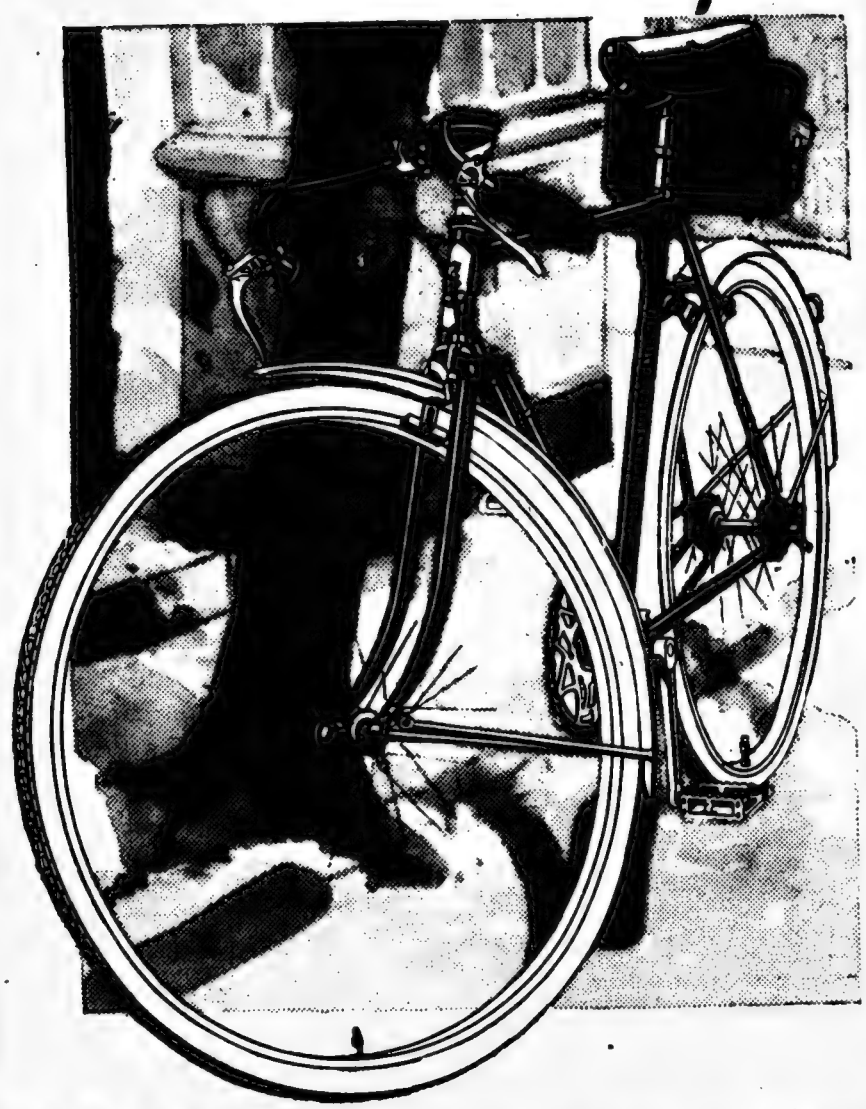

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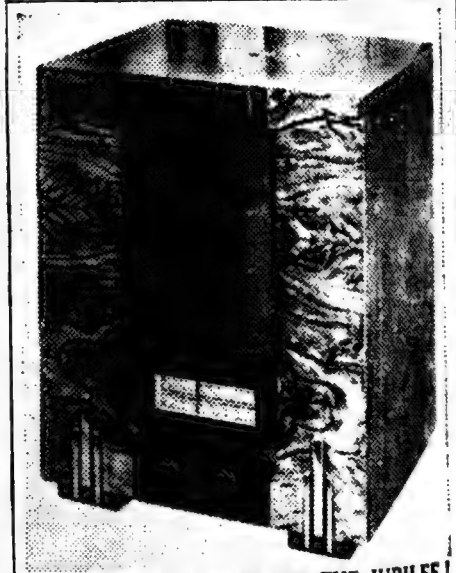

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27 Innocent Men ARRESTED

APPALLING POLICE BLUNDERS—

JOHN BULL readers will have noted with interest that the problem of wrongful arrests is at last being raised in Parliament; but they will be as surprised as we are at the Home Secretary's refusal to give any figures regarding the number of victims of over-zealous police officers.

We have dealt with many such cases in these columns, and our files contain details of numerous other instances that show how imperative it is that the whole question should be thoroughly investigated.

If the Home Secretary is shy about divulging the extent of the evil we have no such scruples. In fact, we profoundly disagree with him and consider it is essential that the public should know the truth.

One or two cases have recently been mentioned in the House, but our own records show that in the past few months no fewer than twenty-seven equally bad cases have arisen.

A young man of twenty-three, named Victor Basil Howe, stood in the dock at the London Sessions a few weeks ago. A policeman had arrested him as a "suspected person."

Sir Percival Clarke, who tried the case, was very emphatic about it. He could not understand why Howe had been arrested at all. Nor can anyone else.

In his evidence the police officer who arrested Howe said that he had seen him behaving suspiciously in a West End street. It was alleged that he had been looking into several unattended cars. When he was taken to the police station and charged, a bunch of keys and a tyre-lever were found in his possession. At the trial these were described as "house-breaking implements."

Never in trouble

Howe has never been in any trouble before. His record is perfectly clean. His only interest in looking into the cars, he said, was one of idle curiosity.

Half-way through his trial the jury stopped the case, and Sir Percival Clarke said: "I cannot understand why the man was ever brought here at all. There is no evidence whatever that he had these implements in his possession for housebreaking. . . ."

So Howe left the court without a stain upon his character. But all the authorities have been able to say is that they are sorry that such a mistake was made. And unless Howe cares to risk the problematical expense of bringing an action against the police authorities, he can do nothing other than try to forget his ordeal and the effect it has had upon his career.

Now consider the experience of John Dicks, a traveller who was recently arrested in Kensington High Street and charged with "loitering with intent."

He was seen by a policeman "behaving suspicicusly" outside certain shop windows.

He was touched upon the shoulder and taken into custody. Through crowded streets he was marched to a police station, charged with loitering, and put into a cell. He was questioned as to his movements for weeks past. His finger prints were taken—which revealed the fact that he was a man with a clean and unblemished character who had never seen the inside of a police station before.

The next morning, when Dicks was brought before the magistrate, he was discharged.

Claud Edward Stearn, of Edgware Road, also aged twenty-three, is another of these men who, on the evidence of a single policeman, recently stood in the dock on this much-complained-about charge of loitering with intent.

The police officer who took him into custody said that he had seen the man touch a woman's handbag.

Stearn strenuously denied the charge, and, after being searched and detained at Marylebone Lane Police Station, was acquitted on the ground that there was no evidence against him, apart from what the officer had said. Stearn, too, is a man of good character, who, had he not been able to prove that he was an honest man, might—as the law relating to "loitering" cases stands to-day—have been sent to prison merely because he was a "suspected" person.

Mr. F. R. West, one of the Members of Parliament for the Hammersmith Division, has taken a great interest in cases of this kind, and has raised questions in Parliament about the growing scandal of police prosecutions being proceeded with on vague suspicions alone.

One of the cases he raised was that of Stanley Kilner, who, a few weeks ago, was charged at the West London Police Court with "loitering." Kilner is a man of exemplary character, who has for more than twenty years been in regular employment.

Police in mufti

A police officer saw him looking into shop windows, and came to the conclusion that Kilner was "frequenting public places with the intention of committing a felony."

A week's remand in custody was requested. This was granted, and, following a week's detention in jail, the charge was dismissed.

Let us consider a case which occurred not long ago at Arbour Square Police Station. A labourer was walking home one evening with a tool bag on his shoulder.

To two police officers in mufti who had suddenly descended upon him and questioned him about his movements he protested that he was not behaving in the least suspiciously.

They wanted to know what he had got in his tool bag, where he had been working that day, and what he was doing in the particular district concerned.

His immediate replies did not satisfy them, and so he was marched away to Arbour Square Police Station and detained for questioning by a superior official.

Happily, he was able to prove that he was in fairly regular employment, and that at the time he was taken into custody, in the circumstances we have described, he was actually on the way home from work!

Sudden challenge

So in the end he was permitted to leave the station without any charge having been accepted against him, though for some time it seemed fairly apparent that he stood in peril of being classified as yet another innocent man who was likely to be charged with this loosely worded offence of "loitering with intent to commit a felony."

A very bad case occurred recently at Bromley, Kent. A man named William Munroe, who was held in the highest esteem in the vicinity, was arrested and taken through the crowded streets, with a uniformed policeman on each side of him, to the local police station.

The two constables who were responsible for his arrest told the magistrate before whom Munroe appeared that they had kept him under observation for nearly an hour before they took him into custody, and that they had seen him looking inside two jeweller's shops and at a stationary car.

"I had only recently left my lodgings," Munroe said, "and was just looking round. I was not after anything at all!"

That was proved to be the truth. Munroe was able to account accurately for his movements, over a period of several hours, during the subsequent police court proceedings, and the unjustifiable charge against him was dismissed.

His lawyer made a dramatic protest in court, and rightly described the charge as a monstrous one. "If this sort of thing is tolerated," he said, "no one who walked in the street in broad daylight—not even a magistrate—would be immune from arrest.

Intolerable

"I can hardly speak with restraint," he added, "of the impudence of the police in bringing this charge against a man of the highest respectability and of the utmost integrity."

And, although Munroe had witnesses in court who were willing to give evidence on his behalf, the magistrate decided that it was not necessary to hear them as there was not the slightest evidence of a criminal character against Munroe at all!

But what has happened since his acquittal? As is general in most cases of this type, no apology or compensation has been made, and all that Munroe can do is to try to forget the intolerable incident.

Another typical case is that of George Walker, of Frederick Street, London, W.C. A man of the artisan type, he recently was so penniless through unemployment that he left his lodgings one evening and wandered through several streets looking for cigarette ends. Suddenly two policemen approached him and asked him what he was up to.

Walker showed them the cigarette ends he had collected, but they said that they were not satisfied with the explanations, and that he would have to go with them to the local police station.

He was escorted there, and, after he had been charged, his finger prints were taken—a customary thing in such cases. Then he was put into a cell for the night, but after an hour or so managed to get out on bail.

On the following morning one of the two officers told him that it would be necessary to apply for a week's remand as his colleague who had assisted in the arrest had been called away elsewhere and could not attend the court. The magistrate remanded Walker, who thus for a week had this "loitering" charge hanging over his head—the allegation being that he had tried the handles of two separate cars.

Cleared

In the end, as he was able to prove that he had never been in any trouble before, and had a perfectly clean character, he was acquitted.

"But the events of that week will be imprinted upon my memory until I die," he says. "Last Monday I had an interview with a firm concerning the possibility of employment which meant so much to me . . but how my heart sank when this question was put to me: 'We hear you were remanded at Clerkenwell Police Court last week—is that correct?'"

It is vital, of course, that every necessary step should be taken by the police to prevent crime, and that all persons clearly frequenting public places for criminal purposes should come under official vigilance.

But fuller and emphatic instructions should be issued to Station Officers not to accept charges against any "suspected" persons concerning whom the evidence is of the flimsy and slender type illustrated in the cases we have given here.

With so many disquieting instances regularly occurring it is essential that the Home Secretary should tackle the problem firmly without further delay.

THURSDAY AS USUAL

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Heartless Official Decree

IT is only a week or two since we commented on the tragic plight of those orphan children of the Great War who have looked to the Ministry of Pensions to carry out the promises that were made to their fathers. We revealed how many of these orphans of men who fell in battle are now quite unable to earn a livelihood. Many of these young people are now in their early twenties; numbers of them are not only fatherless, they are motherless as well.

Over the destinies of these tragic victims of war the Ministry of Pensions has wielded a power which is absolute.

In the performance of this sacred duty the central government department has secured the assistance of local committees armed with powers to advise it. Yet in spite of this an extraordinary number of blunders have occurred, and the Ministry of Pensions has frequently proved itself heartless and inept.

Every parent in the land will be amazed at the way in which it has acted in the case of the only daughter of William Watkins, a native of St. Weonards in Herefordshire, who was killed in action in Flanders in 1918.

Her father was the eldest son of a yeoman farmer. Mr. William Addis Watkins, of Fishpool, St. Weonards, a village twelve miles from the town of Hereford. Her mother was the daughter of a miner who lived in the village of Nelson in Glamorganshire.

Victim of stupidity

During the years that followed her father's death, this child, Stella Esme Watkins, became a ward of the Caerphilly District Committee of the Ministry of Pensions.

An attractive young woman, vivacious and ambitious, Miss Watkins is now nearly eighteen years of age; and if anyone was ever a victim of departmental stupidity she is that person.

When she was a mere baby her mother married again, and she was sent to the home of her stepfather's parents.

Her father's yeoman people were neither informed of her whereabouts, nor were they given the opportunity of having any say in the matter of her rearing and education.

Miss Watkins was under three when her mother died, at which time a pension allowance of 12s. a week was payable to her stepfather for her maintenance.

Meanwhile, her father's people—her own blood relations—were neither informed of Mrs. Watkins' death, nor were they acquainted with a wish expressed on her deathbed, that Stella should be reared in their custody.

Stella Watkins, ward of the Ministry of Pensions, was brought up in circumstances which must necessarily be a cause for regret. The cottage in the mining village of Nelson consisted of three small rooms, and in this dwelling no fewer than seven persons were living during the little war orphan's school years. The strangers among whom she found herself were kind to her; but as time went on her stepfather married again and went to live in a neighbouring village. Stella Watkins was then left in the care of her stepgrandmother, who brought her up.

The local representative of the Ministry of Pensions, Mr. David Lewis, took a keen interest in Stella Watkins' welfare, and when she was quite young he went on a visit to Ross, where he interviewed her yeoman grandfather, Mr. William Addis Watkins.

Farmer Watkins, he found, was most anxious to afford his granddaughter every opportunity, and to give her a good home. Her father had been his eldest son.

The Nelson representative of the Ministry of Pensions, a voluntary worker, was quite satisfied that on the farm at St. Weonards Stella would have an excellent home.

Her other home

He was, on the other hand, thoroughly dissatisfied with her environment in Nelson. There was, of course, no reflection on the good people with whom she then lived, but they, in common with many miners, and all who dwelt in those grim mining valleys, were suffering from unemployment and want. It was impossible for them to give her the healthy home and opportunities available with her grandparents, for her pension allowance of 12s. a week stood very often between that family of seven and starvation.

Meanwhile, her grandfather went to a solicitor in Ross, who furthered every effort to gain for the war orphan the home that was her birthright.

The yeoman folk of Miss Watkins' dead father. They are anxious to help her, but Red Tape says "No"

Mr. David Lewis, too, made strong recommendation that the child should be transferred. He had every good reason for urging that this should be done. It was Stella's ambition to become a nurse, and the opportunity to receive a training for her chosen profession was awaiting her.

To most people it would seem the natural and logical thing that she should have been allowed to join her true relatives. But officialdom works in strange ways. For some wholly incredible reason the Caerphilly District Committee of the Ministry of Pensions turned down all proposals that were made in the young orphan's favour.

Repeated applications were made without result. The Special Grants Committee of the Ministry of Pensions simply replied to the solicitors in Ross saying it could not intervene in the matter.

Thus through all the years of her childhood, Stella Watkins was reared in the gaunt poverty of a back-to-back miner's cottage, when her grandparents were longing to have her with them and to place golden opportunities in her way.

Nor were they alone. Other relatives were equally anxious to do their share.

Her dead father's brothers and sisters were, indeed, anxious to help her. They included a civil servant resident in Bournemouth, a foreman builder in London, and two aunts in service with a titled lady in Herefordshire.

While heartless officialdom decreed that all these opportunities should be lost, Stella, at the early age of fourteen, was sent to work in a fish-and-chip shop, where she received a wage of 4s. a week and her food. Later she went into domestic service.

The first time she saw her soldier father's photograph was when she was fifteen years old!

We suggest that the least the Ministry of Pensions can do now is to afford her the training that has so far been denied her.

Homely Wisdom—by Canon R. J. Campbell, D.D.

Ask Yourself—Now

A WRITER on financial matters has just been telling us that all the discussions about disarmament and all the suspicions and hatreds due to international jealousies and rivalries are at bottom just simply questions of bread and butter.

With the pound, the franc and the dollar, jumping about, he says, how can anyone feel secure?

There is a good deal in this contention, for there would not be much left to quarrel about if everyone could be sure of a sufficiency of daily food and shelter and of other necessities that money is supposed to be able to buy.

Unfortunately mankind is ruled by passion much more than by reason. There is no real scarcity in the world at all; we suffer from an artificial scarcity caused by deep-seated selfishness and moral blindness.

Yet we all know quite well, when we are completely honest with ourselves, that the possessions of highest value are not those that money can buy.

Money has no intrinsic value; it is only important because of what it can obtain for us; there is no sense in piling up money merely for its own sake.

Now ask yourself what are the best things of life, the things you would not part with for any money and which you would not be able to sell for money if you tried?

The answer is not difficult to discover. The kind of possession I value most, for instance, is on the other side of the hearthrug at this moment. A beloved fellow-creature sits there.

And thousands of people will read these words who could give the same testimony in their own case, though you don't want to exchange your possessions for mine, nor I mine for yours. The value is personal and of the heart.

Three days ago a telegram announced to me the death of an old friend. The last time I had seen his handwriting was in a letter addressed to his sister which she had forwarded for me to see.

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In the May-Day Labour procession to Hyde Park last year there was one huge waggon crammed with happy children. Over it floated a banner with the inscription: "These are our jewels." The affirmation could not have been true.

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You might get a surprise, reader, if you were to take stock of your values to-day. Ask yourself what you are living for.

Five times out of six, to put it mildly, you may be concentrating attention upon secondary instead of primary values. Your whole perspective would alter in a flash if death stepped in or some crushing disgrace or disaster befell your home.

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STRANGE stories reach me frequently concerning the devices of company promoters, struggling to exploit the shares and properties of their undertakings.

In the interest of my readers, I have all such reports investigated, for no one can possibly tell at first glance what actually lies behind the wiles of certain "financial" offices. Their moves are mysterious, to say the least.

And this week I want to deal with a really remarkable series of events which have occurred in connection with an unprofitable group of South African gold-mining companies housed in offices in Gracechurch Street, London.

From the information placed before me, it is plain that five professional men—four mining engineers and one accountant—have been grievously victimised and left stranded, without salary due to them or the repayment of money they disbursed in expenses.

Moreover, there has been scandalous misuse of the name of a very prominent City stockbroker, and the unauthorised use of the names of other influential people, including those of the Lord Mayor of London and a well-known peer.

Also the case includes alleged impersonation over the telephone of various individuals.

The principal actor, who I shall have to criticise, is a Mr. Frederick Charles Goodwin, controlling shareholder in Herefords, Ltd., a firm of outside brokers, and also a director of—among other concerns—Alliance Mining Corporation, Ltd., Anglo-African Goldfields, Ltd., and Southern Rhodesian Goldfields, Ltd., with headquarters at 57, Gracechurch Street.

Staff engaged

During recent months Goodwin engaged the services of a staff of fully qualified mining engineers, who were to be sent to work in South Africa. Goodwin, at various interviews he had with the engineers, assured them he had the backing of a strong financial group, with funds available to the tune of £250,000. The head of the group was—according to Goodwin—the senior partner in a firm of stockbrokers, a member of the committee of the London Stock Exchange, whose reputation and standing are accepted throughout the City.

Obviously it would be unfair to give the name of Goodwin's supposed backer. For convenience I will refer to him as "Colonel X." Colour was given to the statements of Goodwin by the fact that the name of "Colonel X" appeared among the directors on the official stationery of the Alliance Mining Corporation. Said to be associated with Goodwin and "Colonel X" in the mining ventures was another prominent stockbroker, "Mr. S."

At the early stages of their contact with Goodwin the engineers had no suspicion. They accepted his assurances with all confidence and worked for him in securing specifications and quotations for mining equipment and appliances, which they understood were to be purchased and shipped to Africa.

It came to the time when three of the engineers and an accountant were to leave for West Africa. The other engineer was to proceed a little later to Southern Rhodesia.

Missing Colonel

The party assembled in Goodwin's office to await the arrival of "Colonel X," who was stated to be coming there from a bank in Piccadilly with £1,200 to pay passage money, salaries and expenses.

No "Colonel X," however, turned up, and a telephone search for him was initiated. Eventually Goodwin gave the news that "X" had been taken suddenly ill in the street and removed to his house in Berkeley Square in an ambulance by the police.

Instructions were then given the engineers to gather at Euston Station next morning, ready to take train to Liverpool and the West African liner, and that the necessary funds would be forthcoming from "Mr. S."

Once again the engineers were deluded. They kept the appointment at Euston and had their baggage and kit placed in the guard's van of the Liverpool express. Shortly before the train was due to leave Goodwin dashed up and, with many apologies, declared that the money was not available that day.

After that promises were given to the unfortunate men that they would sail on different dates, but always something unforeseen happened to prevent this. They attended the office regularly, but never received any money. Frequently they overhead Goodwin carrying on telephone conversations with his supposed backers and friends. Once Goodwin declared that he had been in touch with the Lord Mayor, and at another time he had been talking with "Lord C."

Imaginary

One other statement was that "Mr. S.," when bringing a substantial cheque to Goodwin, had met with a serious taxicab accident in the Strand.

Eventually the engineers, tired of all these subterfuges, made their own enquiries. They interviewed both "Colonel X" and "Mr. S." and were amazed to learn that neither had the slightest acquaintanceship with Goodwin and had never promised to assist him or his projects.

The sudden illness of "Colonel X" and the taxicab accident of "Mr. S." were both equally imaginary.

Information obtained by my staff confirms this. "Colonel X" has never met the fellow Goodwin and he had no knowledge that his name was appearing as a director of the Alliance Mining Corporation, Ltd. *His name was used without authority and so also was the name of "Mr. S."*

When confronted with the denials of his supposed backers, Goodwin made the startling allegation that some other individual must have impersonated them in repeated calls and conversations by telephone. He affirmed that he had acted throughout in good faith, believing that "Colonel X" and "Mr. S." were numbered among his supporters.

Altogether—as I see it—a most mysterious combination of circumstances.

Name erased

The engineers who were engaged on service agreements by Goodwin have all expended their private funds in buying kit and clothing for Africa. They have worked for him and have been paid nothing. One young man did receive a cheque for £15 drawn on Herefords, Ltd., but that came back from the bank dishonoured.

I am glad to know that the treatment of the engineers has been reported to the Council of the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy. In consequence the name of Frederick Charles Goodwin is now erased from the register of the institution of which he was formerly an associate member.

Investors would do well to remember Goodwin and his curious activities. I say that because shares in his mining companies have recently been hawked for sale through his own private stock and share business, Herefords, Ltd.

None of the Goodwin companies is worth the slightest consideration, even as a gamble. The shares are not quoted in the Stock Exchange lists and they should be left severely alone.

Avoid him

So far as the records show, no profits have been paid by the Goodwin mining companies. Indeed, their accounts carry heavy debit balances. The loss on Alliance Mining Corporation is more than £57,000 and that on Southern Rhodesian Goldfields £60,000.

Big figures which need a great deal of explaining.

My own opinion is this: No proposition advocated by Goodwin should ever receive any public support.

The man is discredited by his methods and his objects are open to strong criticism.

Scenes of activity like this, at a Kenya gold mine, were conjured up in the minds of Mr. Goodwin's dupes by his tales of financial backing

Weekly Informations from Sir Wyndham Childs

Impudent Piano Racket

AN ingenious piano-tuning racket is being worked in London and the provinces and many people have been victimised.

Women canvassers are sent out to persuade householders to have their pianos tuned by an expert at a very cheap rate. An appointment is fixed for the expert to call a few days later, and when he arrives he tells the owner that it is useless to tune the piano as it is "full of moth."

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He then remarks what a wonderful instrument it is and how money laid out on repairs will be well spent. The repairs bill will amount to anything from £3 to £10, according to how much the piano racketeer thinks his victim will pay.

These "experts" usually have no experience as tuners at all. Their job is to find repair work on which they are paid 10 per cent. commission.

Cases have been reported to us where these "experts" have carried tools with them with which to do damage to a piano in order to make good their argument that the instrument needs repair!

Another trick is for them to carry with them little pieces of moth-eaten felt. At a suitable opportunity this is produced and the poor housewife is led to suppose that it has been found in her piano.

This "moth-in-the-piano" trick has recently been worked in Glasgow, Liverpool, Birmingham, and London.

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In one recent case when a woman refused to pay the repairs bill the firm concerned issued a summons. It is significant that when the case came before the court no one appeared on behalf of the company! In another case a repretative of one of these queer piano-tuning concerns pretended to find moths in a piano that was not two years old and charged £2 for repairs.

Fortunately, the manufacturers of the piano heard of this and promptly denied that there was any trace of moth. Their challenge to the piano-tuning concern to produce evidence was not taken up and no attempt was made to insist on payment of the bill.

There have been numerous cases where these fee-snatching firms refuse to face the courts when so challenged, and the reason is obvious.

We urge readers to avoid doorstep touts and entrust the care of their pianos to established firms.

JOHN BULL'S FULL EXPOSURE O

The £50,000,0 Six

Many town housewives learn how to enjoy the labour-saving electric kitchens, but she could pause to consider . . .

WE begin this week a searching and fearless enquiry into the great electricity scandal.

We want to know why, two years after the completion of the £50,000,000 Grid, there are still 6,000,000 homes without electric current in this country and millions more who can obtain it only at exorbitant rates.

JOHN BULL intends to probe, and to reveal, the causes which are undermining the fulfilment of this vast national scheme—the greatest public utility achievement of the century.

A week ago the Central Electricity Board, controllers of the Grid, published its annual report. It was, on the face of it, a good report—consumption half as great again as in 1929 (five years ago), surplus £85,000. But the public's use of electricity could, and should, have been *three times as much*, and that surplus *ten times more*.

The Board makes electricity cheaply for the country's use. But it has no power to ensure that the public *gets* it cheaply, or at all! In its official position the Board cannot tell the whole truth behind the conditions of electricity supply in this country.

JOHN BULL can—and *will* . . .

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Striding over hill and dale; through green valleys; across country roads and past the suburbs of towns and cities; there the Grid stands now from end to end of the land—£50,000,000 worth of it—a new Aladdin's lamp whose attendant genie cou'd light and provide heat and power in 12,000,000 homes, drive the wheels in 10,000 factories, provide £500,000,000 of new trade, abolish dirt, lessen drudgery, waste and unemployment.

But where is Aladdin and what has gone wrong with the magic lamp?

In a thousand villages, the housewife, stooping over hot and dirty kitchen ranges or the washing copper in the scullery, can raise her head and see the Grid go marching past the bottom of her garden, carrying its cargo of release from nine-tenths of her toil. The farmer, too, at the end of his day of manhandling a scant living from his fields and stock, can look out of his oil-lit windows and see the Grid go marching across those same fields, charged with its untapped load of titanic, labour-saving, profit-yielding power.

But for all the use or good it is to them the Grid may just as well be striding across the valleys of the moon.

The factory owner, the house owner, in a hundred cities know about the benefits of the Grid even if they are not daily tantalised by seeing it. But for them it stops at knowledge. They cannot profit by it; economically it is beyond them.

Behold, then, the miracle of the Grid. A colossal network of 4,000 miles of electric transmission lines, covering the entire country, ready and able to provide electricity for everybody, for every purpose, at a price the poorest could afford; the dream of engineers and economists, and now an accomplished fact after the expenditure of years of labour and millions of money.

But a wasted miracle, for in 1935 two-thirds of the country either cannot reach it or cannot afford it.

Mad muddle

Why? What has gone wrong with the dream. What is the story behind that wasted purpose? It is going to be JOHN BULL'S business to find out—to tell the truth about how this great national enterprise is being hampered, exploited and squandered—and then to point the only remedy.

Let us begin by stating the case and then proceed to our examples.

The Grid is a wholesale supplier of electricity. It is controlled by the Central Electricity Board, which in 1926 received powers by Act of Parliament to pool the resources of the power stations of the country, to build new stations, improve the old, and scrap the inefficient so that there should be a constant supply of electricity available for the needs of the entire country at the cheapest price.

It has succeeded, so much that today the Grid's 4,000 miles of power lines supply "juice" for every purpose at a maximum price of less than a ha'penny a unit.

Part of the original plan was that the Central Electricity Board should be responsible for distribution as well as manufacture and supply, but that power was suddenly shorn away from them by the 1926 Act. And so the present trouble began.

The Grid must sell its electricity through more than 600 distributive undertakings, who can please themselves as to where, and into what homes and places, they will convey electricity, how they will sell it, and at what price.

Some of these undertakings are owned by Corporations and similar local authorities, others by private companies, in the proportion of 60 per cent. and 40 per cent.

Of the Corporations, many own tramways which are run at a loss, and they get the loss back out of the public's electricity bill. Others own gas undertakings which must not be competed against too rigorously, so up goes the price per unit to the householder. In backward Corporations the sole authority for the sale and distribution of electricity is often an unqualified official, who knows nothing about selling and cares less. He is not interested in making his job harder than it is, and his motto is—"If people want electricity let them come and ask for it, and then pay well for it."

Profits first

Of the privately owned companies, it can be said of most of them that they put profits first, and service second.

They sit comfortably on top of their huge reserves and profits of the past, secure in the possession of monopolies and area franchises, and now happily able to buy electricity from the Grid cheaper than they were able to make it; and sell it for as much as they have got in the past—or more.

At present only 6,000,000 out of 12,000,000 possible homes in Britain are using electricity, and these take only one-tenth of what they *can*. Until the demand is extended the economic value of the Grid will not be realised.

The barrier to further progress is those 600 odd distributive undertakings. A huge proportion of them make no rational efforts to sell electricity in greater quantities; 20 per cent. of them still quote flat rates only; 25 per cent. will not hire-purchase electrical apparatus or give any assistance whatever with wiring and installations, the rest sell at a bewildering array of tariffs and rates ranging from ¼d. to 1s. a unit.

There are a few suppliers who play the game by the public and the State, and we cannot show the present chaos better than by giving contrasted practical examples.

At Stepney in the East End of London there are workers' flats at a rent of 17s. 7d. a week. Included in the rent is the hire of electric boiler for washing and baths, electric fire and cooker. The total bill averages 6s. 6d. per month for heating, lights and cooking. A dinner for a family of three consisting of joint, Yorkshire pudding, vegetables, rice pudding and fancy cakes can be cooked for 2½d. Water heating for baths or a week's washing costs 3d.

In Cumberland Market, London, a family of five in a three-bedroom flat pay 1s. 8d. a week for wiring and hiring of apparatus for light, heating, cooking, baths, washing, ironing and wireless. They pay the bills by slot meter and these average 3s. 6d. a week. These are converted premises. In the St. Pancras district where electricity has been incorporated in the new housing schemes the cost per family of three averages only 2s. 6d. a week for the same facilities.

Those facts show what *can* be done, and what was the original purpose of the Grid.

Yet, by contrast, in an Essex suburb, the charge for electricity is 8d. a unit, equivalent to a bill of nearly £1 a week for the same services, and so hundreds of homes are lit by oil and heated by oil or coal.

A penny bus ride away the charge is ½d. a unit.

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In the West End of London there is a street which is the border between two companies' territories. On one side of the street the charge is 5d. a unit, and on the other 4½d. a unit. And the two companies supply different types of electricity.

Again, to show first what can be done: At Hull there is a group of workmen's houses where lighting, cooking, electric kettle, iron and wash boiler cost £5 a year, all-in. There is another estate of 500 houses where seven lights, cooker, kitchen apparatus and eight-gallon wash boiler cost in use and hire 1s. 8d. a week.

At Glasgow the municipality was able a few weeks ago to pass £66,000 back to the consumer. It has reduced charges to two-thirds of a penny per unit. Yet consumers in outlying areas, served by one of the biggest power groups in Britain, are paying more than twice the figure quoted by Glasgow Corporation.

From the Midlands we have a letter from a reader in the Birmingham district who says that he is in sight of one of the largest power stations

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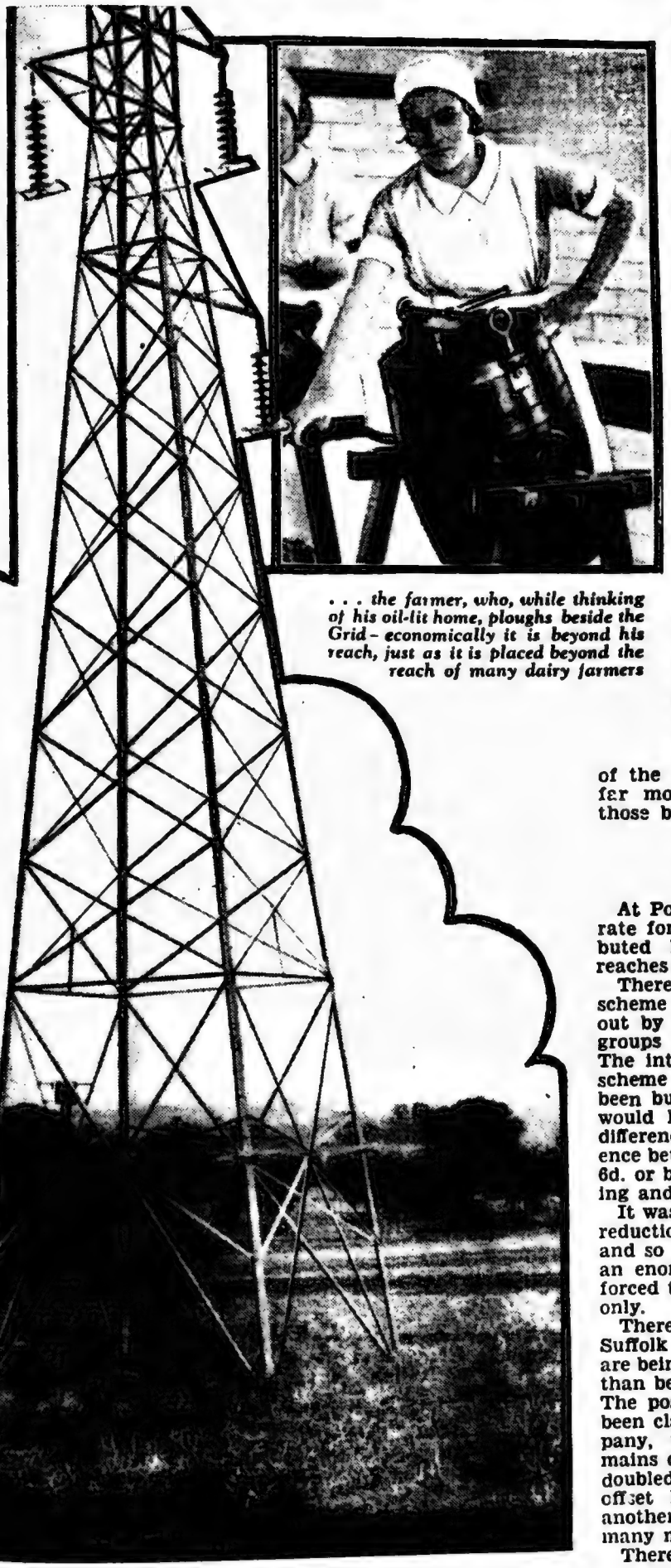

. . . the farmer, who, while thinking of his oil-lit home, ploughs beside the Grid – economically it is beyond his reach, just as it is placed beyond the reach of many dairy farmers

in that area. Yet when he asked for electricity to be put in his house he was told that it would cost him over £170 and even then he would have to get a minimum number of neighbours to join in. And every day on his way to work he passes vans which carry slogans exhorting him to "Use More Electricity."

The whole of the thickly populated Midlands area is a wild hotch-potch of Corporation and private company undertakings whose charges vary, with mad inconsequence, from ¼d. to 7d. a unit. But none of these undertakings will touch the many rural areas in the district because they argue that they would have to wait too long to get a return in electricity used for the amount laid out in cables and wiring. Certain profits and quick returns is their motto!

The South and West of England show the same paradoxes and the same chaos. Bath is able to make a £20,000 profit on selling electricity at less than 1d. a unit and then pass £10,000 on to the consumer to make the rate cheaper still. While at Bristol 18,000 of the poorest are expected to pay far more for their supplies than those better off in the district.

Powerless

At Porlock, in Somerset, the flat rate for electricity, which is distributed by a private undertaking, reaches the dizzy price of 1s. per unit.

There is the case of a housing scheme in South Devonshire carried out by one of the most advanced groups of builders in the country. The intention was to make their scheme all-electric, and if it had been built one mile to the west this would have been possible, but the difference of a mile meant a difference between 9d. a unit flat rate and 6d. or between 3½d. a unit for heating and cooking and 1½d.

It was found impossible to get any reduction from the local company, and so this magnificent estate with an enormous potential demand is forced to use electricity for lighting only.

There is an even worse case from a Suffolk area. There the inhabitants are being charged 100 per cent. more than before the advent of the Grid. The position is that their area has been claimed by a new supply company, who have taken over the mains of the old company and have doubled the prices, presumably to offset losses they are making in another and unprofitable district many miles away!

There must be thousands of JOHN BULL readers who could produce similar instances as those we have given of crazy anomalies and conditions of supply and of similar backwardness and exploitation in their own districts. We invite them to "Write to JOHN BULL about it." Only by such publicity as we intend to give this great national scandal will this balloon of complacency that the authorities have blown round the electricity supply industry be pricked.

We have indicated so far the position as far as the householder in urban areas is concerned. We can allude only briefly to those other sections of the community who are even worse off with regard to realising the full benefits of the Grid—the farmer, the factory owner, the rural resident.

There is still more than 50,000 square miles of closely inhabited British countryside which is completely undeveloped electrically and, under the present system of distribution, it will remain so—even though the Grid lines are carried across it.

Great examples

There is still in operation in factories 10,000,000 horse-power of inefficient mechanical plant in spite of the fact that the Grid skirts every town in the country, bearing a supply of available cheap power which cannot be bettered in any country in the world.

Here again there are a few examples—too few examples of what *can* be done if the Grid were allowed to exert its full effect everywhere.

In industry there are marvellous instances of complete electrification, and conversion to public supply, such as Stewart and Lloyd's great factory town at Corby, Northants; Coats' Cotton Co., at Paisley, and the Sheffield steel firms. In each case these factories have been fortunate. They have had enlightened and progressive distributing undertakings near to them, who have met their needs for horse-power by drawing supplies in bulk from the Grid and retailing at a fraction over cost.

Such examples as these are contrasted with the thousands of factories driven by antiquated steam engines, not because their owners will not have electricity, but because they cannot get it, except at a prohibitive price.

The same thing can be said of Britain's £1,200,000,000 agricultural industry (that is the capital sum now invested in the various forms of farming). There are a few high lights like some of the Aylesbury dairy farms and the all-electric fruit and hop growing farms at Staplehurst in Kent. Experiments in soil heating is going on in a few places, chiefly in Scotland.

Warring interests

But the surface has barely been scratched, in spite of the apparent boast by the authorities some time ago that 5,000 farms were using electricity "for other purposes than lighting." There are still five times this number who have little hope of lighting their farms except with oil and who do all their work by what some farmers humorously call "Armstrong's patent"—in other words, the slow muscular labour of man and beast.

Standing in the way of all further development are those 640 distributing companies. Their warring interests, their vested franchises and "rights," their private demands and obstinacies and inefficiency are the barrier across that promised land of civilised amenities and industrial enterprise into which we were all to have been ushered by the Grid.

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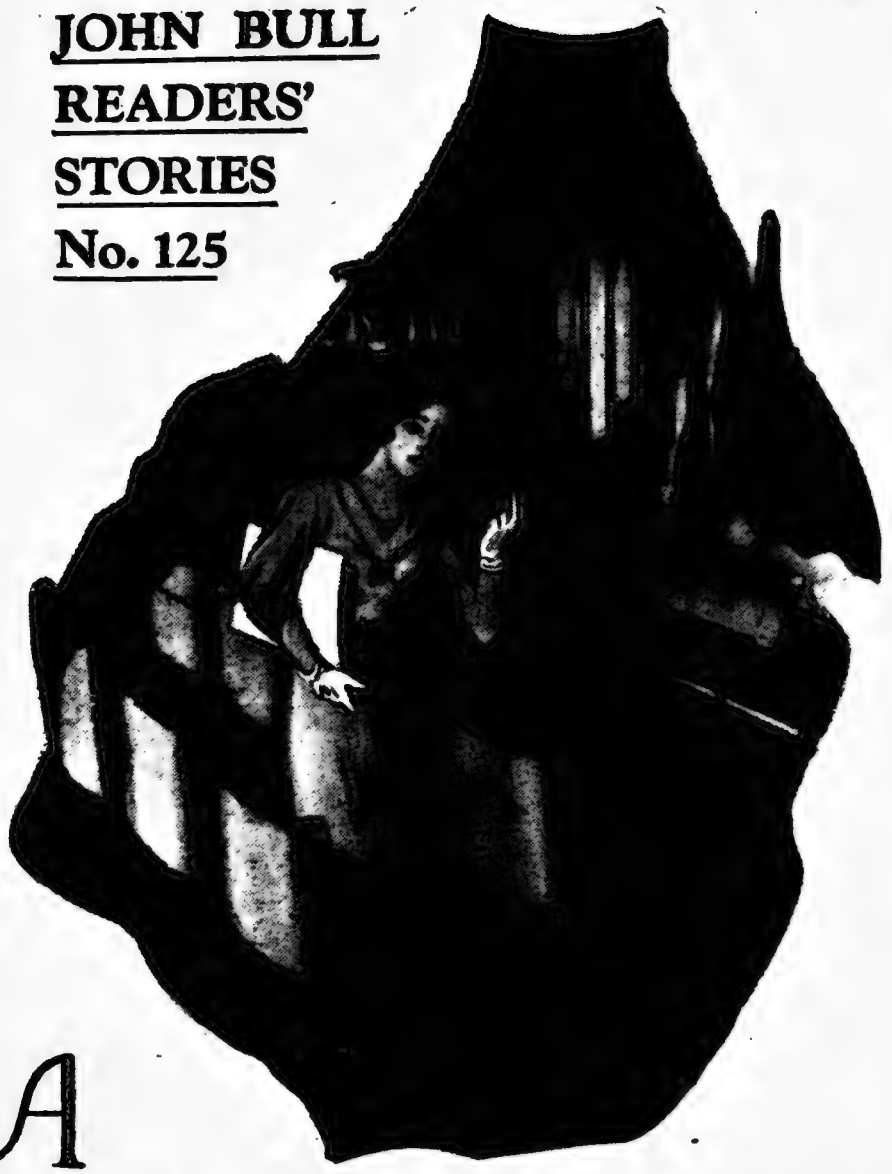

"I found in one of the rows a wallet, containing more than £100"

A VERY *Gallant* General

—He Risked his Happiness to Clear my Name

AS I opened the door of the theatre at 9.30 one morning a few months after my appointment as assistant box-office manager there, the telephone bell rang. The call was from one of the violinists. He had left a musical score under his seat on the night before.

Would I send it by messenger to the hall where he was rehearsing for a new production? I found the score in the orchestra, and on my way back through the stalls I found something else of greater interest.

In one of the rows lay a wallet, a couple of yards from the gangway. It contained a number of Bank of England and Treasury notes amounting in all to over £100. A card inside bore the name of a very well-known man whom I shall call General Malvern.

I got in touch with the General by 'phone at his business address. He was delighted to hear that the wallet had been found. Already he had set enquiries on foot, though he was under the impression that it had been dropped after he left the theatre.

His secretary called for the wallet, but later he came round himself to thank me personally and to ask me what I would like by way of a present. I chose a wrist-watch.

I had a busy time at the theatre that day, for the box-office manager was off duty until the evening. When he arrived I forgot to tell him about the wallet.

My watch was delivered by the jewellers on the following morning. When my chief saw it on my wrist he asked in a bantering way if it was from one of my admirers. Prompted by vanity, I suggested that it was, for I had no admirer at that time. So the story of the General's wallet was further postponed.

It is, of course, a common thing for articles of considerable value to be found in theatre stalls, and the omission to report a find of £100 would not have upset the management had their attention been called to it later.

My reticence, as it happened, proved unfortunate. Subsequently there was a series of thefts from the box-office, and I was suspected. As I learned afterwards, the possession of the wrist-watch, which I had so vaguely accounted for, influenced my employers against me.

The amount involved was comparatively small, but thefts or defalcations at a theatre box-office are a serious matter. It is fairly easy for the person in charge to fake the bookings, marking a number of seats on the plan as complimentary when they have in fact been paid for.

I need not say that I was paralysed by the accusation made against me. And the evidence was apparently damning. A false entry in the plan of seats, involving just over a couple of pounds, appeared to be in my handwriting. On the strength of that other shortages were attributed to me.

I protested my innocence, but the more I protested the more I felt myself betraying the signs of guilt. They brought me before the magistrate and I was remanded for a week, in order that, as he suggested, I should have a solicitor to appear for me.

My brother, who is my only relative, indignantly refused to believe that I could be guilty of theft and secured the services of a prominent solicitor with long experience of police-court work.

The latter, after examining all the circumstances, decided that the case for the prosecution was not too strong, if only I could produce witnesses to my honesty. Previous posts which I had held, unfortunately, had not involved the handling of money, a point which the other side was not likely to miss if the question of my references was raised.

I recalled the incident of the General's wallet, which had almost vanished from my mind. The solicitor was delighted.

"That will get you off," he cried. "It is better than a dozen testimonials from employers. Every circumstance about the wallet is in your favour. You were alone when you found it. You could easily have kept the money and said nothing.

"I'll call the General on your behalf. His evidence should tip the scales on the right side."

I felt easier in my mind. General Malvern was a famous man, respected as much for his peace-time services to the country as for his war record. A word from him would be of priceless value to a girl in my position. But our hopes were dashed.

"He refuses to come voluntarily," the solicitor told me when I saw him on the day before I was due to appear again in court. "I cannot understand it. He first made excuses of having other engagements. Then he said something about disliking the police-court atmosphere—any excuse, in fact, seemed enough to convince himself that he ought to avoid that witness-box."

"But we can force him to appear under subpœna," my brother, who was present at the conference, insisted.

"We can," said the solicitor, "but it would be infinitely better if he came voluntarily. A reluctant witness in a case like this might do more harm than good. I shall not issue a subpœna.

"We can bring out the facts in your own evidence, though it will be nothing like so effective as if the General told the story. However, let us hope for the best."

In the morning at the police-court I was as despondent as could be. In spite of the lawyer's assurance that, even if found guilty, I would very likely be given the benefit of the First Offenders Act and be bound over, and that if I was sentenced he would appeal, I had visions of myself being wheeled off to prison before the end of the day.

The atmosphere of a police-court is in itself depressing. However innocent one may be, it is difficult not to become identified with the elements of the criminal population gathered there.

I had two hours to wait before my case came on. My brother made every effort to take my mind off the coming ordeal, but by the time I took my place in the dock I was limp with terror and misery.

The witnesses called for the prosecution were so straightforward and sincere that I felt I must be guilty. When, finally, the time came for me to give my own evidence the few feet between

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A VERY GALLANT GENERAL—Continued from page 24

My Ordeal in the Box

the dock and the witness-box seemed miles. My legs were trembling under me.

I was on the point of collapse. My behaviour in the box was as bad as it could be. To my solicitor's questions I several times said "Yes" when I meant "No,' and "No" when I was trying to say "Yes."

I hesitated and stammered. No doubt the magistrate was making allowances for my fear and nervousness, but it seemed to me that I was losing whatever chance I had of an acquittal.

At the end of a few minutes, by which time I was incapable of understanding anything that was being said to me, a tall man came into the court and elbowed his way to the front. I recognised my missing witness, General Malvern.

His card was passed up to my solicitor. The latter glanced at it, and, turning towards the General, muttered a word of thanks.

"Your worship," he said, addressing the magistrate, "I shall not examine the defendant any further. Her terrible distress over this unfortunate charge has so unnerved her that it would be cruel to prolong her ordeal by a minute longer than necessary.

"When my friend who appears for the prosecution has ended his cross-examination I shall call one witness only to testify to my client's honesty and good character, General Sir George Malvern."

My solicitor knew something about stage effects. The magistrate nodded sympathetically and bowed to the General, a personal friend. The usher handed me a bottle of smelling-salts produced by the court missionary.

I felt vastly cheered and my nerves vanished. I did much better under cross-examination than in the hands of my own solicitor.

When I stepped down the General took my place in the witness-box. There was a stir in the court, and the newspaper reporters, who had been taking only a languid interest in the proceedings, got busy with their pencils.

The General told the whole story of the wallet, emphasising, in reply to my solicitor's questions, that it would have been easy for me to dispose of about half of the notes, for only two of them were of large denomination.

Already my lawyer had brought out through the witnesses for the prosecution that I spent half an hour alone in the theatre every morning, and that if I found anything of value and decided to keep it none would be the wiser.

At the end of the General's evidence the theatre representatives had a whispered conversation with their lawyer. The latter told the magistrate that he had been instructed not to press the charge further, although his client had been forced to bring it.

I was acquitted. When I thanked the General—with tears, as you might expect—he said that he was doing no more than his duty. That evening the newspapers published paragraphs about the case under headings such as "Famous General Pleads for Innocent Girl."

Before long I was reinstated at the theatre, for on the very day that my case was heard there was another mysterious shortage at the box-office. This led to the discovery of the real culprit. I shall not say who it was. The story is a painful one and best forgotten.

The management behaved handsomely. They gave me a nice sum by way of compensation, just about the equivalent of the contents of the General's wallet, and settled my lawyer's bill. . . .

A year later the General again appeared in the news, this time through divorce proceedings instituted by his wife. I thought little of the affair until, one day, my solicitor friend called at the theatre to book seats. When I mentioned the General's divorce he looked at me queerly.

"Do you know that you and I were the cause of that divorce?" he said.

I asked him to explain.

"You will remember that the General at first refused to give evidence for you," he went on. "Well, it seems that he had sound personal reasons for his attitude.

"On the night he lost his wallet he visited this theatre with a lady who was not his wife. There might have been nothing in that, but it so happened that his wife thought he was somewhere else. He was supposed to be having a late conference over a dinner with a business colleague, which meant that he could not come home to his house in the country.

"The General's affair was a transient one, and by the time your case came along he regretted his folly, for he was genuinely fond of his wife. He knew that if he appeared in court and told the story of the wallet there was sure to be publicity which would mean awkward questions.

"In spite of that he decided at the last moment to come and give evidence. He risked his own happiness to save a girl he hardly knew from ruin.

"The sequel was exactly as he had feared. His wife read the report, became suspicious—and the private enquiry agents did the rest."

I felt strangely disturbed. My trouble had ended well enough for me, but had brought unhappiness on my benefactor. Had I known the real circumstances at the time would I have allowed the General to come to the police-court? The solicitor and I discussed the point.

"At all events it cannot be helped now," he said. "But we do know that, however much the General may be to blame for his lapse, he is a very gallant gentleman."

"The Greatest of These—"

A Mother *and* Children

WITH Irene, a pale, two-year-old mite, on her lap, her mother recounted her present and pressing troubles.

Irene is the youngest of twelve children, eleven of whom are living. One is married and another is to be married at Easter, which will deprive the family of her earnings. Six of the children are under fourteen, and the eldest daughter, aged twenty-three, is a cripple with T.B. hips, due to a fall when a child, and unable to work.

Irene's ex-Service father has been able to earn a sufficient income to provide for his large family by running a fruit stall in a thickly populated district of London.

"We were comfortable then," said his wife, "and I always managed to pay my way."

Since Christmas he has been suffering from bronchitis, which is a legacy of the war, though his disability pension ceased some time ago. His prolonged illness has completely exhausted his stock, and his stall has been put away. The small earnings of three of the children are, therefore, all they have coming in.

Irene's mother would willingly go out to work, but she cannot on account of the younger children—Irene is under the doctor and needs care. Their possessions have been sold or pawned to pay their rent.

How does the mother of so large a family view life?

"It is the week-ends, when you have paid out every farthing to meet rent and food, and there is nothing over," she said, "that I feel I could run away.

Irene

"My husband is a good man. He has always been for his children and his home, and doing a good turn to others when they needed it. So people have helped him because he never refused to help others. We are happy enough. We share with one another.

"If anyone goes short," she added with a laugh, "I am the one. It is the mother's privilege to go short for the children. But however difficult it is I would not be without one of them."

Their vicar, who knows the family well, tells us that Irene's parents struggle very valiantly to bring up their large family. "How they manage," he says, "I don't know!"

Irene's dad is now well enough to set up his stall and resume his work, but the trouble is there is no stock, and no money to get one with.

Donations earmarked "Irene" will help towards this end, and should be addressed to The Hon. Secretary, JOHN BULL War Sufferers' Fund, 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2; also donations for the general fund.

Lists of subscriptions are kept at the office, and a copy of the current week's will be sent on application.

Race with "Silver Ring"

Epsom's Big Double

EPSOM'S popular double, the Great Metropolitan and the City and Suburban, will probably be seen in the lists of the layers who offer long odds.

The City and Suburban has cut up badly at the first acceptance stage, but if the field produces a dozen runners it should provide a satisfactory race.

Light Sussex, the JOHN BULL winning selection last year, is to attempt the double, while Montrose, favourite twelve months ago, may try to make amends.

My choice at the moment is the Irish four-year-old His Reverence.

Now in R. C. Dawson's famous stable at Whatcombe, His Reverence was one of the best three-year-olds in the Irish Free State. He is not overburdened at Epsom with 8 st. 6 lb.

Annihilation came up in the Great Metropolitan last year and is again entered.

This is a race which has been often won in successive years by the same horse. I recollect that Tissaphernes, King's Messenger, Father Blind and Annecy brought off the double in this respect.

So Annihilation will have backers. Nevertheless, I pass over Mr. James Rank's candidate in favour of Coronach. Corona, who did us a good turn recently in a hurdles race at Sandown Park.

A son of the Derby winner, Coronach, Corona-Corona will last out the tiring two miles and a quarter on the Surrey Downs.

His race at Esher was two miles and five furlongs.

The Leigh Memorial Handicap at Lingfield Park this week-end may be won by Flint Man.

Make a note of Newmarket for the Four Elms Plate and Wing-Commander for the Chiddingstone Plate.

"SILVER RING'S" CODE

The Code for this week is as follows. It covers the racing from Thursday, April 11, to Wednesday, April 17.

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In place of the letters or figures advertised in the *Sporting Life* and *Daily Herald*, read those above or below.

QK93WK98 would read HAIRAN.

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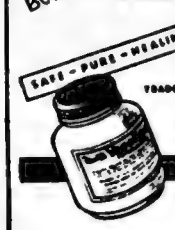

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JOB or WIFE First?

HUMAN DOCUMENTS probed by PHILIP INMAN

THERE is nothing that concerns a man more than his work. To the man without a job there is the heartbreaking struggle of finding one. To the one who is employed there is the uncertainty as to how long he may keep it.

To those with ambition there comes the time when they wonder if they should take the risk and branch out into something new. This week I want to consider some of the cases in the last-named class.

I have a letter from a young married man whose difficulty is to keep his present job and his wife happy at the same time:

"I would consider it a great favour if you could solve a problem which I fear will break up our otherwise happy home. Three and a half years ago I met my wife, who was then a shop assistant in a fairly large town. When we got married I rented a little bungalow in this village, and for a year we were very happy.

"Then my wife said she was lonely, as I was away at work all day, so I got an Airedale pup to keep her company. A little later we had a dear little son, and at last my wife seemed satisfied. Then I moved one and a half miles out of the village in order to be nearer to my work, and people rubbed the fact into my wife that it was quiet here.

"I DO not drink, smoke, or go out at all, and I have no men friends. I stop at home every night and do woodwork, make rugs, anything to keep my wife company. I've spent my pocket-money to buy her flowers, fruit and little dainties, but I know she will not alter, for she wants to get back to the town where her mother lives and where there is more to see.

"She is a very good housewife, but she is always saying that she is fed-up and lonely and wants to get out of this 'god-forsaken hole.' Now I have a good job here with good prospects, but my boss expects me to live on the spot. If I gave notice and tried to get a job in a town I would have to accept less money and it would cost very much more to live; then there would be money troubles. Can you tell me what I ought to do?"

There are some people who are never satisfied, always hankering after something they haven't got. And when they get it they want something else. My correspondent's wife has so much now for which she should be thankful—a good home, a steady husband, a "dear little son." Why, even to be able to bring her child up in the beauty and fresh air of the country should be a great joy to her.

She would realise this if she could only see some of the poor little bairns in my hospital who are stunted mentally and physically through living in crowded slums.

One thing, at any rate, is definite—I do not think my correspondent has the slightest reason to reproach himself. He seems to have done everything in his power to make his wife happy. Nor do I think he should leave his present employment. He is happy in it and there are "good prospects." As he says quite rightly, any change may be disastrous.

I hope his wife will be sensible and change her attitude. Her husband has to live near his work. It is her duty to remain by his side. And if she makes up her mind she will find contentment and happiness, like tens of thousands of others, in her own home.

The wife who feels lonely immediately her husband has left for work should not make too many claims—she can find contentment in the home if she tries

HERE is another married man's problem, but this time he is worried by reasons which are quite different. His letter reads:

"I am up against a stiff proposition, and as I have always admired your sound advice to others I shall be glad if you can help me. I am married, with one child, a little girl of seven who has never been really strong suffering from a weak chest.

"By trade I am an engineer, and have worked for fifteen years with the same firm, and am now in a responsible position. My wife has an uncle in Australia, her only relative, and he has long wanted us to go to live there. He has a job guaranteed for me with some people he knows who are in the engineering business.

"My wife is anxious for us to go, as she says it may just 'set our kiddie up.' But I am up against two things. First of all, my present work is certain, and secondly, my mother is a widow and really lives for us and for my sister (there were only two of us).

"On which side would your verdict be—to go or to stay? I would add that we have lived very carefully and have managed to save nearly £300, which would pay our passage and help us to get together a new home."

Now my correspondent must realise one thing—he can't have the best of both worlds. What he has to decide is which is likely to be the better one of the two. By hard work and long service he is now in a reasonable position, and from what he tells me his job is perfectly safe.

Then quite naturally he considers his mother and his sister. They would feel it keenly if he goes to live so far away. Those things are on one side. On the other is the health of his little girl, and that, of course, must weigh heavily with him and his wife.

He does not tell me where his work would be in Australia. He must satisfy himself that the climate there would be beneficial for his child's complaint. Here a word with his doctor would help him.

It would be a tragedy to break up his home and give up his work, and then find that the place was not suitable for weak-chested people.

There is another point. I take it that he is quite happy about the position offered to him in Australia, the prospects of advancement, and the wages it carries with it. These things should be settled before he goes, as disappointment on any of them would be a bad start for a new life.

He asks me for my verdict. Well, providing there is no doubt on these important questions, I give my vote for him to go. Now, about his mother and sister. If they have no other ties, I wonder if, when my correspondent has established himself, they would be inclined to follow him? That would certainly solve that part of the problem.

The last problem comes from a young man of 21, who is employed by a firm of multiple grocers. He is at present earning 35s. a week, and he goes on to say:—

"After working for this firm for six years I find myself within reach, say in 18 months' time, of a manager's position and the salary would be three pounds a week. But I have been offered that salary and commission if I will take up the office of district agent with a well-known assurance company. The retiring agent is an old friend, and he strongly advises me to take it.

"If I had only myself to consider I would take the risk, but I am helping to support my parents, and therefore I must be careful and consider not only the present, but the future as well. I know that it would mean hard work, but I am not afraid of that.

"The thing that worries me is that I know that jobs are scarce, and so, do you think I should hold on to my present one or should I be justified in taking this offered position?"

Now, if I were able to talk with this young man, I would ask him these questions: How do you like your present work? Does it interest you, and are you happy in it?

THERE is a wise old saying, "the devil you know is better than the devil you don't know." If he believes that a change will lead to greater happiness, I advise him to take the position offered to him. If, however, he is content with his own trade, I think in view of the present widespread unemployment, coupled with his family responsibility, he should hesitate before leaving it.

But, in that case, he might adopt this suggestion. His present firm must be satisfied with him to retain his services and to make him believe that a manager's position will be offered to him in about 18 months' time. If he knows the local director or manager sufficiently well to discuss the matter, could he not mention that he has been asked to take up new work, but that he prefers to remain in his present employment? They may appreciate his action and it may lead to his more rapid promotion.

Send your private problems to "Humanist," at 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, enclosing stamped envelope. £1 1s. is paid for each letter printed.

SIDE-SLIPS

Examples of unconscious humour from the current Press are welcomed. Actual cuttings must be sent. 2/6 is paid to the sender of each item published. Mark envelopes "Side-Slips."

ISLE OF WIGHT TIMES:—"Guitars always have a fascination with their PLAINTIFF music."

YORKSHIRE TELEGRAPH AND STAR:—"... a beautiful ORAL tribute from him was placed upon the coffin."

NELSON TIMES:—"The paper should always be removed from RAW MAT when it comes from the butcher."

STRATFORD EXPRESS:—"Carrier cycles for sale or hire; INSULTED ice-cream tricycles a speciality."

KENTISH TIMES:—"A police-STABLE was thrown from his cycle."

FREE PRESS:—"His face CHANTED and he beckoned Spartan closer."

THE STAR:—"There were ASHES of lightning."

NORTHERN WHIG AND BELFAST POST:—"Beat the mixture till it is fairly cool, turn it into a slightly DATTERED tin."

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This is one of Dick's **Ivory Castles being** broken into by **Giant Decay because Dick** wouldn't clean his **teeth properly.**

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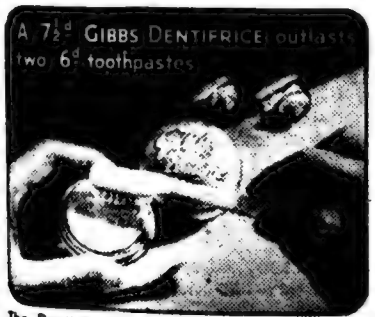
Dick finds Gibbs Fairies are powerful magic against Decay. **Now both children *eagerly*** clean their teeth twice daily with Gibbs.



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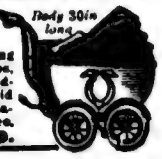

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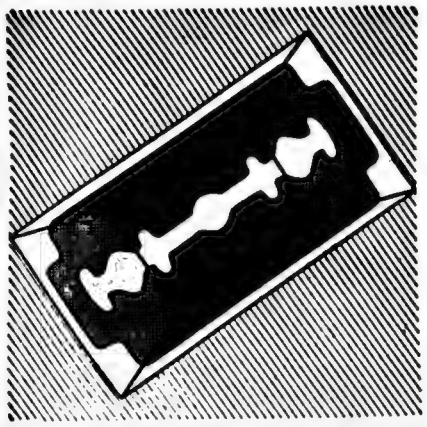

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Where will she be, what will she look like, how will life be treating her when in ten, twenty, perhaps fifty years' time people look admiringly at that canvas and say: "What a beautiful creature! How wonderful she must look in real life!"?

Wealthy husband

Will she want to cringe back in shame or introduce herself proudly and boldly?

Well, the question has just been answered regarding one of the most popular studies in the nude ever painted, Paul Chabas' "September Morn." You know the picture, even if you haven't one of the hundreds of thousands of reproductions of it in your own house.

A rumour that spread round America recently said that the shy girl portrayed as posing timorously in a mist-enshrouded lake was living in abject poverty. It was so untrue that the artist was goaded into revealing the facts—and they proved more surprising than the rumour.

To-day, at forty-one, she is the wife of a wealthy French industrialist, the mother of three beautiful children. Such was the charm of this entrancing girl of mixed English and French parentage that there is nothing amazing about that.

Like the angels

But the artist revealed more about her. She is, for instance, slender no longer. Immortalised in one of the greatest pictures of this century, she doesn't want her identity made known. She says it would be embarrassing to anyone in her position if it became known that she had ever posed in the nude. She begs, pleads, that the world shall never be told that she was the girl who set half the world agog with admiration.

And so the picture will live and the flesh and blood creature who inspired it will be forgotten.

That is so often the fate of famous artists' models, even when they have no wish to dissociate themselves from the work that immortalises them.

If you study the face of "Justice" in the Royal Exchange and other buildings in the City of London you will find it strongly resembles those of the angels inside the dome of St. Paul's. From the art gallery in Buckingham Palace the same sweetly innocent face will smile down on you. You will see it time and again in the Tate Gallery, too.

Burne-Jones immortalised that beautiful face. Lord Leighton, too. Sir Frank Dicksee, Millais, Alma-Tadema and a dozen other famous artists as well. All were entranced by the beauty of the model who sat for those masterpieces.

And to-day you will find that once beautiful woman living in a single room in Kensington, going out to do odd jobs at a shilling or so a time, reduced by weakness, illness and old age to comparative poverty.

Surely one of the most inspiring pictures ever painted is Lord Leighton's "Wedded." Look at the face and form of the woman who is held in a strong embrace. You may search among the masterpieces for anyone more beautiful.

The woman in this great painting of Lord Leighton is now living in comparative poverty. Strange are the fates of many of the models whose faces are known throughout the world

Her lovely face and virile form will live, as the great artist saw it, for ever. But life deals more hardly with flesh and blood creatures than with dreams on canvas. She is living in London in comparative poverty. And although she still poses, at times, and is glad of the money it brings her, it is no longer as a peerless beauty.

"What will I be doing, what will I look like in ten, twenty years' time?" No wonder the models of Chelsea cannot escape asking themselves that question.

A girl who posed forty years ago as one of the Graces in a canvas that now has a proud position in a Midlands art gallery must have asked herself that question. To-day she sells whelks and winkles from a barrow at a seaside resort on the South Coast.

There is a woman who is for ever entering and leaving Holloway Jail. Who would recognise in her hardened, coarsened features one of the sweetest Charity's ever painted?

Murdered model

An old woman with a scarred face would come forward to serve you if you entered a coffee-house in East London. Once her features were just as lovely as they are portrayed on a Boer War memorial—as an angel of peace.

How tragic to think that the beauty of that face was marred by the man who sculptured it—with a broken glass, during a drunken frenzy! It recalls the amazing story of that greater artist, Andrea del Castagno, who is said to have murdered his favourite pupil so as to transfer the suffering expression of the dying youth to canvas and so help him to depict the martyrdom of Christ.

No need to detail the tragic decline to poverty of Dolores, model of a score of famous masterpieces. She is only one of a thousand models who have sunk to direst need since Marguerite Lemon, Van Dyck's famous model, was driven out to die in obscurity after she had threatened to cut off the artist's hand so that he would give to no other woman's face the immortality he had given to hers.

Happier, by far, the mystery model of Watteau's. One recognises her delicate nose, her lively eyes, her blonde hair and her elegant figure in a large number of his paintings. None of his contemporaries knew who she was.

She died in harness as a domestic servant, but as she was his kitchen maid when he painted her, there isn't the remotest trace of tragedy about that. She was luckier, by far, than those of her professional sisters, who tasted fame only for a fleeting hour and so found poverty a thousand times more bitter.

But life has played happier tricks with models

You know "Bubbles," the charming velvet-clad little boy of the famous soap advertisement, who sat non-professionally, of course. He rose to high rank in the Navy. Then there is the famous tramp who was featured writing: "Twenty years ago I used your soap, since when I have used no other." He became a shorthand-writer in the gallery of the House of Commons.

Phil May's famous Cockney character was a Piccadilly flower seller, who was happy enough to remain at her pitch. When the other flower "girls" gave her a big funeral, not long ago, it marked the end of a comparatively happy, although by no means prosperous, life.

A famous Salome of a generation or so back is a popular Society hostess—such a staunch wife and good mother that you can't imagine her carrying anybody's head on a salver. A Bacchante runs a baby clinic.

Faces that live

And many, many models of yesterday are to-day the wives of the men who painted them—all the better fitted to be the wives of artists because of their own intimate knowledge of art and artists. At least they wouldn't be as foolish as that spouse of Terburg's, who insisted that she alone should pose for him in the nude, and only allowed him to have dealings with models at all if they were sufficiently un-beautiful!

Beautiful faces that will live for ever . . .! You will see them smiling, frowning, weeping, mocking down at you from the walls of art galleries everywhere.

Taking everything into consideration, it would probably be better for your peace of mind if you marvelled at them as they looked when they posed before the painter, giving no thought at all to the ravages of the years.

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In this week's *Picturegoer* there is a magnificent 16-page Supplement of the film "Sequoia," an epic of animal friendship, which has taken some four years to produce. You will be enthralled at the amazing patience required to obtain some of the scenes, which cannot fail to move the hearts of all who love animals. The story is told in the *Picturegoer*. Make sure of your copy to-day. On sale at all bookstalls—price twopence.

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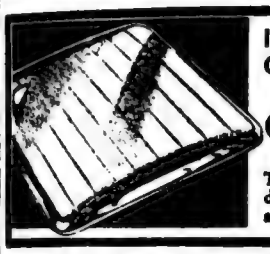

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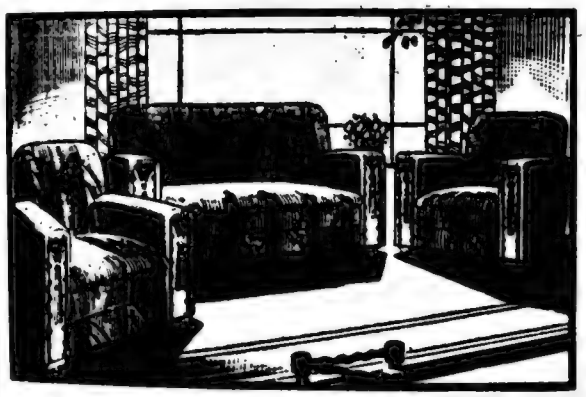

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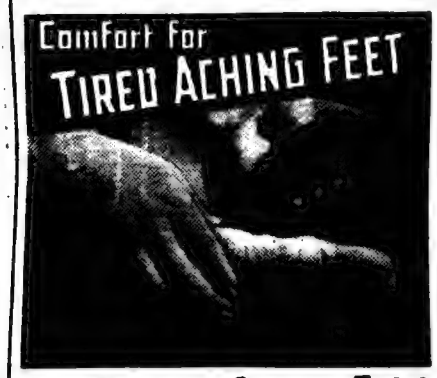

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WARD of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division. . . .

So the eventual agreement will be framed concerning pretty Jean Crichton, the twelve-year-old school girl, around whose custody a long and highly expensive legal struggle has been fought, commencing with a Bench of county magistrates, and ending, for the time being, with the Court of Appeal.

In future, any question relating to Jean Crichton will be considered by a Chancery judge in chambers. Her name will be added to that amazingly interesting list of children who are Wards in Chancery.

Rather an ominous ring about that phrase—"Ward of the High Court of Justice."

What does it mean? What exactly is the effect of such a legal decision? Ordinary people wonder and speculate, but only the lawyers know.

Actually from the moment a child is made a Ward of Chancery, a Chancery judge assumes the official parentage of the "infant." Wards in Chancery are virtually State-governed children.

Strict privacy

Everything relating to "the well-being of the infant" is the business of a judge until legal infancy ends with attainment of majority and the wardship automatically ceases.

There are at the present time several hundred wards of the court. Who they are, or exactly how many they number must not be stated.

Strictly jealous is the Chancery Court over the privacy of a ward. It is contempt to mention names or give personal details.

When any question is raised on behalf of a ward, the court documents preserve the anonymity. The only information on the cause list is "Application in *re* an infant." and the issue is discussed before a judge in camera.

The register and records of wards in Chancery are kept in a series of rooms on the third floor of the East Block of the Law Courts, to which ordinary members of the public never have access.

Each ward has his or her own case papers; a carefully entered many-sheeted history with every event in the infant's life; education and subsequent career tabulated. There is, too, a balance-sheet of income and expenditure received and incurred on account of every single one.

Amazing stories could be told—if it were permissible—from those guarded papers.

Fortunes are administered by the Court on behalf of their children. In some instances, the wards own, in their vested right, property worth more than £250,000, while in others the income dealt with is only a meagre amount.

Yet wealth or poverty makes no difference. A ward is treated in exactly the same way, no matter what the individual circumstances. They are all infants in the same legal class.

Various reasons bring a child under the custody of the Chancery Court; the death of both parents or of guardian relatives; the re-marriage of a surviving parent; or some involved personal and family dispute.

Only the interests of the infant are considered when the court makes its order "a ward in Chancery," and throughout the years which follow the judges think solely of the children.

Education is one of the chief problems settled for the wards. Schools are chosen for boys and girls in accordance with the standard of living to which their income entitles them.

From preparatory or elementary school days forward, a judge picks the most desirable educational establishment. One ward may be sent to Eton and the next to a small country grammar school. Everything depends on the funds available and the family antecedents of the infant.

Similarly, when the time comes for a wealthy ward to transfer to a university, a judge makes choice and appropriate order. And this fact is important: a ward must do what the Court decrees. Where there is any doubt, a ward's mind is made up for him.

Private talk

Quite commonly, a judge will summon a ward to a private conversation in his room at the Law Courts; talking and advising exactly as a father; finding out if official ideas of well-being fall into line with personal inclinations.

Nothing of any moment must be done by or on behalf of a ward without consulting the court.

So it happens that all kinds of intimate and domestic puzzles are, on occasions, debated in the quiet seclusion of judge's chambers. For example: Would it be well if rather temperamental and extravagant Miss A——, who is now eighteen years of age, should be given an extra £50 on her dress allowance? or should young "B," who so far has been content with a motor-cycle, be permitted to purchase a fast sports two-seater motor-car?

Then there are matters relating to holidays. No ward of the court may leave or be taken out of the country without permission. Consequently, if a summer vacation is planned with approved friends, the court must give consent before the visit becomes an accomplished fact.

Often, of course, there are refusals to applications, and the wards may think they are hardly dealt by, but refusal is only made "for the well-being of the infant."

No doubts

Marriage! Time and again some kindly, considerate Chancery judge has been troubled over the proposed engagement and marriage of a court ward.

Always, in such instance, the judge causes the fullest possible enquiries to be made about the character and desirability of the prospective bridegroom. Will he be a suitable life partner for the girl whose upbringing has been on rules to the law machine of England? Is it an engagement of love or the entanglement of a susceptible young woman by a fortune-hunter?

If there is the least doubt in the judge's mind, the engagement is cancelled and the marriage vetoed. The young man is warned that it is a serious offence to attempt interference with a ward of the court, while the girl is informed that she must banish any idea of such a romance until she has reached the age when the court cannot say Yea or Nay. And against such a decision there is no appeal. For in no circumstances may a ward marry without the sanction of the court.

So strict is this regulation, that recourse to a wardship in Chancery has frequently been taken to prevent an untimely marriage by a wayward, headstrong girl, who is beyond the control of other guardians.

Ever since the year 1873, when the High Court of Chancery was consolidated, there have been wards of Chancery ruled and directed in their everyday lives under the system which now obtains.

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The Homecoming

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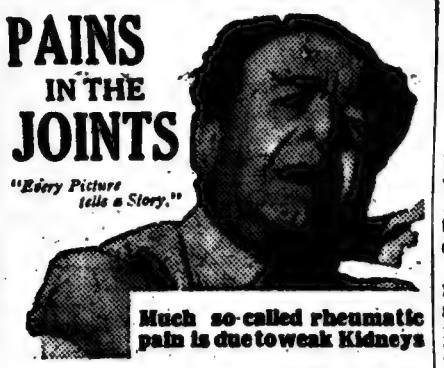

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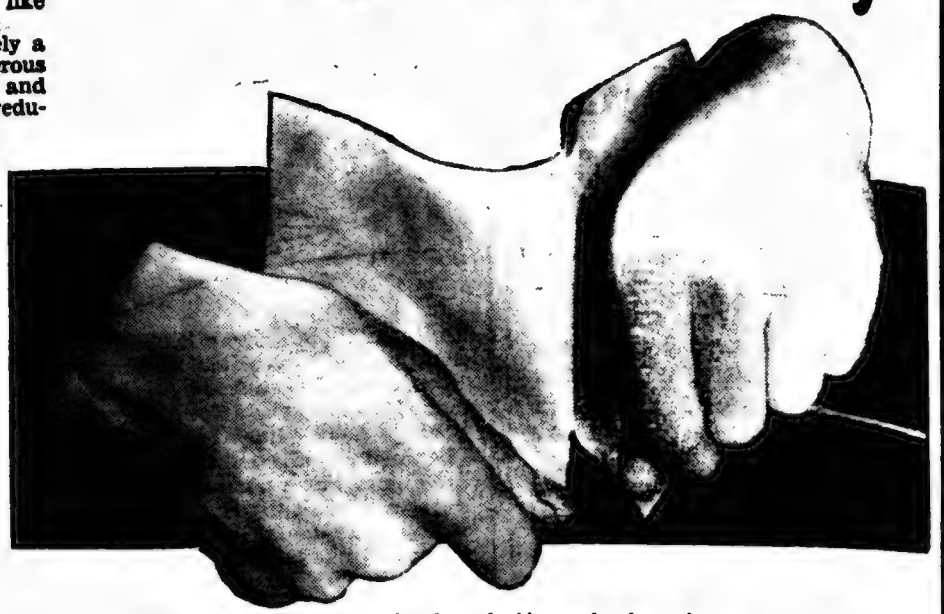

"Everybody who receives a chain letter should remember that if they pass it on they stamp themselves with lunacy"

—A CHAIN to BREAK

TO send or to pass on "chain letters" has just been made illegal in Germany, which is about the only sensible enactment we can associate with the name of Hitler.

It is about time, too, that chain letters became an offence in this country. And there is no time like the present, because it always is in the Spring that floods of these missives begin their rounds, like epidemics, insects and other pests.

These idiotic letters are not merely a nuisance; they are definitely dangerous and wreak untold harm in worry and fear in invalids and on harassed, credulous and nervous people.

In America, where the idea of chain letters apparently began, the practice is now a grave offence under the postal laws, and in Japan, where the nuisance swept like a plague some time ago, there is now a police edict, and anybody caught sending a "chain letter" gets thirty days in jail, and anybody receiving one and not reporting it to the police immediately is heavily fined.

All chain letters run to type. The usual example begins by stating in heavy typescript: "Make nine copies of this letter and send them to friends within 24 hours. Woe to you if you take this as a jest and do not pass it on and so break the chain of luck. Misfortune after misfortune will overwhelm you. Pass it on and you will have good luck within seven days of posting the nine copies."

Then follows a statement that this idea of a "chain letter of luck" was begun by an American Artillery Colonel in France in 1917, and that it has been round the world several times since then.

After that there is a list of names of people who are supposed to have passed on this letter before, names of famous film actors and politicians, figures "in the news" like George Bernard Shaw, Einstein, Max Schmeling, and scores of others all jumbled together with Smiths and Browns, 'owskis and 'itzes from all over the earth.

THEN follows a list of examples of what has happened to people soon after they have broken the "chain"—giving names: "Mrs. ——, of Salford, lost her only son; George ——, of Sheffield, ruined through a City collapse; Frederick ——, of Manchester, lost at sea," and so on.

Then a list of good luck: "William Bryant, of Worthing, won £2,000 in a sweepstake; Mary Stone, of Newcastle, received £200 from a will; Robert Mason got a lucrative job abroad . . ." There are thousands of people whose credulity can be preyed upon by those threats of ill luck which follow from breaking the chain, and many more to whom the list of well-known names in the chain letter is impressive who are obscurely flattered by being in the same mailing list and are swayed by those names into believing that "there is something in it."

So superstition and ignorance, the foes of reform and civilisation, have a stout ally in the "chain letter."

There are direct ill-effects, too, of this mischievous plague. Last year there were at least two suicides which were directly traced to "chain letters."

It is less easy to trace the direct effect of these letters on invalids and neurotic people among the thousands who receive them all over the country, and while, in broad daylight, as it were, it is easy to laugh at the vague threats and promises of the chain letter and its 24 hour time limit, its effect on some of these people can be imagined. There is plenty of evidence from doctors and distinguished churchmen on the point. Their work, which brings them into close contact with humanity, leads them to treat the chain letter as a real and serious menace.

Not long ago Lord Baden-Powell issued a public statement referring to such letters. "I do not treat them as a jest," he said. "Stern action should be taken against the writers of them . . . because nervous people receiving them frequently suffer ill-health through worry and fear of the consequences of not carrying out the instructions contained in the letters."

He referred to the case of a woman who committed suicide, and concluded: "Of all superstitions the chain letter is the silliest, and yet it can be one of the most harmful."

The Dean of Westminster, Dr. Foxley Norris, is another who has denounced the chain letter and has suggested legal action to end the nuisance. "It is a mischievous practice which should be stopped," he said. "People who receive these letters should at once put them on the fire."

A MEDICAL man, Dr. Edward Morris, of Littlebourne, near Canterbury, denounced the chain letter after a regular outbreak of the nuisance in his district.

"The effect of the lurid threats contained in these letters is extremely harmful to delicate persons. Neurotic people have been made worse and unnecessary work and expense caused by this superstitious rubbish."

Nobody knows the originator of this world-wide chain letter nuisance and nobody has ever been able to trace the mysterious "American Colonel of Artillery." He was presumably some semi-lunatic bemused with the idea of holding correspondence by proxy with half the world, by the thought of how many people his effort would reach if mail were multiplied by itself a sufficient number of times.

Everybody who receives a chain letter this Spring should remember that if they pass it on they stamp themselves with the same lunacy.

The proper place for this evil trash is the fire.

In any case some official action is desirable. The chain letter nuisance is regarded seriously in other countries to judge by the severe penalties which have been imposed to check it. Why not here?

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The evolution of the human race may be slow, but it is evolution, none the less. Each generation is better off than the last. We are all to-day "heirs of all the ages."

We are all free to make use of the accumulated knowledge and wisdom of all who have preceded us. You can't stop progress. It comes despite the pessimists and the sceptics.

Only a congenital idiot says of anything: "It can't be done." The whole of human history is there to refute him. Every age, from one point of view, is the story of those who did it while their fellows stood by and jeered and said it was impossible.

There is a certain number of people in the world who are stupid. That's their misfortune.

They were born that way. But there is a certain number who are unteachable—and their proper designation is that they are criminals. Unteachability is more than a fault. It is a crime.

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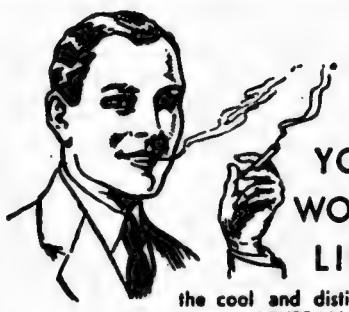

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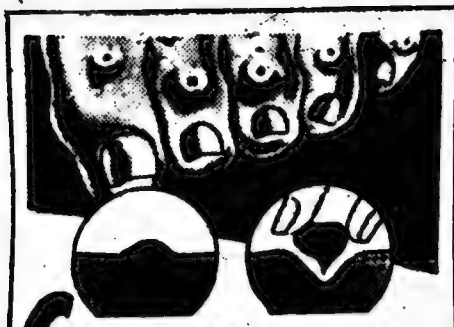

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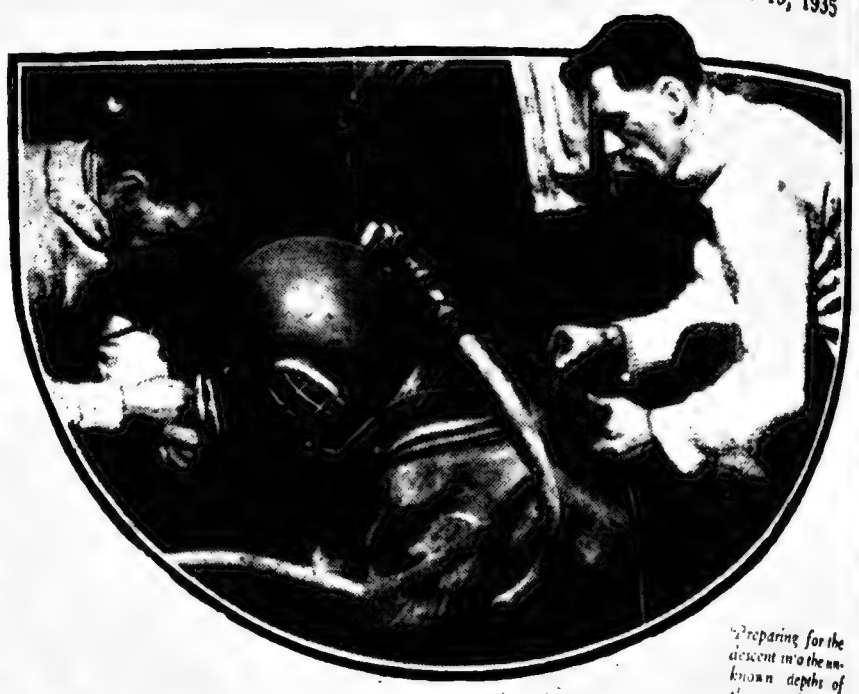

"Preparing for the descent into the unknown depths of the sea—the diver of a well-known firm tests a "new suit"

GOLD has been very much in the news lately.

A boxful of it fell out of an aeroplane, and the whole world was agape at the news. A few ingots of it were missing from a strong room, and it was hailed as one of the sensations of the year.

"Will Belgium Collapse?" ran a headline. Apparently it is all a question of gold.

Thousands of men have died for it. Cities have been ravaged by armies with a lust for it. It has spurred men to their most strenuous endeavours—and to their meanest and most contemptible actions.

So unceasingly and relentlessly have explorers hunted for it that the most thrilling gold hunt of all time should make fine reading.

Well, there is a writer who thinks he knows. David Masters is his name, and he tells the story in "Deep-Sea Diving" (Nelson, 2s. 6d. net).

Bank robbers have burrowed through the sewers of Paris to reach the ingots in the strong room of a bank. Raleigh, destined to find goldmines for James I in Guinea or die at the hands of the executioner, searched and searched with the growing conviction that no such mines existed. Thousands starved in the rush to Klondyke. . . .

Yet no gold hunt in history, in his opinion, is as thrilling as the hunt for the gold of the *Hamilla Mitchell*, which took place, although he does not give the date, just over fifty years ago.

When that good ship went down on the Leuconna Rock in the neighbourhood of Shanghai, he records, she had in her hold gold coins worth £50,000.

The underwriters, being anxious not to lose their money, asked an agent to go to the Leuconna Rock to see if there was any chance of raising the specie. He found the wreck was in such deep water amid such strong currents that it seemed quite hopeless, and he told the underwriters so.

Picked men

But a Captain Lodge thought differently. He knew the wreck was deep and that the spot was a most difficult one for divers to work in, even if they could reach the wreck. But, being a very determined man, he went to the underwriters and said: "I'll try."

Looking round for the cleverest divers he could find, he picked on two Liverpool men, R. Ridyard and W. Penk. Equipping them with the most powerful deep-sea diving apparatus in existence, he journeyed to Shanghai.

He was not long in chartering a small sailing vessel to take him to Leuconna reef, but the rocky coast made it impossible for the sailing ship to venture very close in, so he was obliged to let the divers make their search from a small boat. The attendants thereupon started to turn the handle of the air pump while the divers took it in turn to drop over the side and explore the rocky chasms of the sea bed.

The currents swayed them this way and that. Fish darted away from them as the divers, looking like some strange monsters, searched carefully about the ledges and cliffs that lay hidden under the sea. They were raised and lowered here and there over the rocky bottom, going deeper and ever deeper, until one day they penetrated to the depth of 160 feet.

The ship might have been a small cockleshell hidden under some rock, so completely had she disappeared. And then, one morning, they spied a dim, bulky shadow at the end of a ledge, and saw it was her.

They thought at first that their search was over—that it would be just a question of sending up the gold. But their pleasure soon turned to disappointment.

They found that the ship had broken in halves. The stern was missing, and they knew that it was there the gold had been stored.

Terrible risk

They found it at last, after many hazardous experiences, and had to let themselves down over a huge submarine cliff to reach it.

Exploring the stern to locate the hold in which the treasure lay they made their plans for breaking into the ship. It was a terribly risky job, for at that depth they took their lives in their hands. The current twisted and turned them about. They had to take the greatest care not to get their lines entangled in the rocks and wreckage, the worst fate that can befall a diver. There is only one way to get out of that peril—to go backwards as you went forward, and it doesn't always succeed.

Imagine them groping dangerously about the wreck of the *Hamilla Mitchell*. It seemed an eternity before Ridyard managed to break into the treasure room at last. Then the wonderful sight before him made him hold his breath.

In the light which filtered down from the surface he saw the golden coins scattered about the floor. He walked in gold as if among pebbles on the beach. Woodboring worms had eaten away the boxes, spilling their precious treasure all around.

Without waste of time he began to send the treasure to the surface and, when it was dangerous for him to remain down any longer, he ascended, happy in the thought that he had made a real start on the work of salvage.

Again he went down to his hazardous task. A third and fourth time he penetrated to the strong room. At length, by dint of furious working, he had sent up the gold from sixty-four boxes. Then, worn out, he gave the signal to go to the surface, his tongue parched for a drink, although there was water, water everywhere about him.

That was thrilling enough as a treasure hunt, but that, as it proved, was only the beginning.

Directly the little salvage ship emerged with her cargo of £40,000 from the shadow of the island, Chinese pirates started in pursuit. They had waited until the work had been done for them. Now they were putting out in dozens of junks to cut a few throats and take whatever gold they could seize from the men who had done the work and faced all the dangers.

Like galley slaves!

The salvage men grew so desperate that when the wind began to die away, as if determined to surrender them to the Chinese cut-throats, they put out the great oars or sweeps and tugged at them as few men have done since the days of the galley slaves.

Nearer and nearer drew the pirates, until it seemed that the fate of the crew of the little gold ship was sealed. And then, like a gift from heaven, a puff of wind played into the sail of the salvage ship. She was not pulling clear, but at least—at long last—she was keeping the pirates at their distance.

For hour after hour the crew worked at the oars like Trojans, praying for more wind.

All through the day the chase continued, the pirates refusing to give up. And then, when darkness fell, Captain Lodge made the master stroke that brought victory.

Safe at last

A desperate manœuvre in the darkness and he managed to dodge the pursuing junks. They went sailing on into the darkness, he on a safe course for Shanghai.

There, having landed his wonderful cargo, he told for the first time the story now presented as the most thrilling treasure hunt in history; how thrilling one doesn't fully realise until one bears in mind the cardinal fact that if the diver hadn't come up thirsty, a fact which impelled his colleague to look longingly towards a hill on the island on which there was a spring, the pirate junks would not have been seen until too late.

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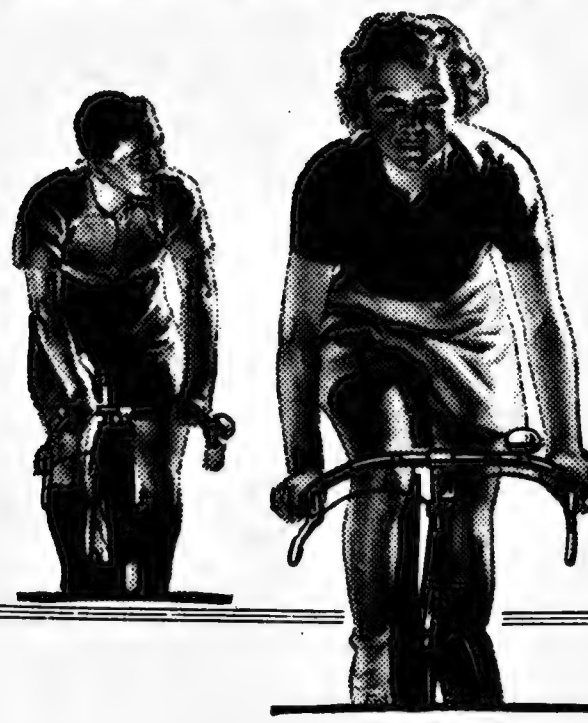

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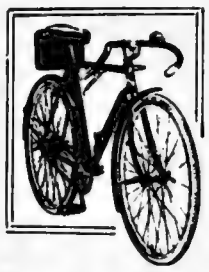

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The Law Lords are almost unanimously in favour of the abolition of imprisonment for debt; but the legal mill grinds slowly.

Would it not be a fitting gesture to pass a special Bill through Parliament to end this injustice on the occasion of their Majesties' Jubilee?—*G. N., Southall.*

Help the Poor

I would see that as many as possible aged, workless and children would have something suited to their needs.

To the old folks and the unemployed I would dispense money and necessaries. The children should have a good feed, and the more needy ones clothing and boots. I would place a certain sum in trust for a number of fatherless kiddies.

In short, to commemorate the King's Jubilee, my aim would be for the betterment of the unfortunate.—*H. H., Colchester.*

Holiday with Pay

I would rush a Bill through Parliament making it compulsory for every working man, woman or child to have a week's holiday every year with full pay.

In this country there are millions to whom a holiday means not enjoyment but privation, due to loss of wages. Were they taking a well-earned holiday and being paid for it, in their hearts would be thankfulness for the year that made such a thing possible.

There could be no greater or happier way of impressing the year on their minds than this way.—*A. R., East Riding.*

Train the Youngsters

I'd commemorate the Jubilee in a useful way.

I would have a school established where, at nominal fees, boys and girls leaving school would be able to undergo a short but comprehensive course of training in business before entering the labour market.

Business men would then be spared the irritation of having to put up with inefficiency, due to ignorance of office ways, which is common among young newcomers to the office, and the pupils themselves would stand a better chance of getting on.—"*Employer,*" *London.*

Tidy Up

A Brighter Britain movement.

Appeals would be made to landlords to redecorate their properties: competitions would be held to encourage all householders to have bright and tidy back and front gardens.

The success of such a movement would mean work for unemployed painters and decorators and the general appearance of the country would be immensely improved.

Foreign visitors' expressions of disgust about our drab streets would thus be abolished, and the title of a Bright Country would be well worth earning.—*L. B., Croydon.*

"Jubilee" Cot

The endowment of a "Jubilee" cot in every hospital—the money to be paid out of Government funds, or raised by subscription.

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"I was in the Jubilee cot." Can't you imagine those restored to health saying it with pride? A wonderful commemoration indeed!—*Mrs. E., Sheffield.*

Free Bathing

I'd extend the innovation of that great friend of the King, George Lansbury, and have lido's in every park and village of the nation.

Despite the fact that Britain's greatness is founded on the seas, thousands of children and adults have never known the clean feel of a lithe body cleaving through the water.

Swimming is the finest exercise in the world. To improve the health of all by grant-free access to bathing-pools would be an everlasting commemoration of a great Jubilee.—"*Ailsa,*" *Daybrook.*

Abolish It!

The morbidly curious crowd before the grim prison gates flutters expectantly; the gate opens suddenly and a prison official affixes the statutory notice to the board and affirms that the prisoner has been executed, has, in fact, "been hanged by the neck until dead."

Almost weekly, it seems we read that another of our fellow-beings has been "legally murdered."...

The abolition of the death penalty for a capital offence would be the finest possible way of commemorating their Majesties' Silver Jubilee.—*H. H., Plumstead.*

Five-day Week

A five-day week without reduction of pay would be my Jubilee gift to the workers. A number of enterprising firms have already proved this scheme practicable, and no more fitting time could be chosen than the present springtime and the King's Jubilee.

It is tragic to think that millions of workers should be chained inside drab surroundings, unnecessarily, when they could so easily be enjoying the health-giving sunshine out of doors.

Life is short, the five-day week is practicable and it is bound to come eventually. Why not now?—"*Progress,*" *Edinburgh.*

Remember Them

Incredible as it may sound when we remember the heroes we once thought them—there are men who fought through the Great War living as paupers in public institutions. Surely this should not be.

To commemorate the reign during which these men so nobly proved their loyalty I would grant them all a special "Jubilee Pension" which would enable them to live decent self-respecting lives as worthy subjects of the King they served so well.

I feel sure his Majesty would be the first to applaud this fitting commemoration of his Jubilee.—*H. A. B., Bedford.*

Bigger Pensions, Sooner!

The pensionable age of all workers would be lowered to sixty; the men would receive 30s. a week and the women 10s.

After all, I don't think anything would please our King more than to know that his subjects were being cared for. The outcome would be to cut down unemployment and help to bring back prosperity. Above all, it would banish that bogey of despair, of old age with the workhouse looming ahead.

A fitting and useful tribute to the Jubilee of their Majesties.—*T. E. J., Carlisle.*

Keep them at School

I should like to celebrate this great occasion by immediately raising the school-leaving age to fifteen, so that thousands of children would not be thrown on the labour market at the present state of affairs.

As a teacher I know the value of such a step. It is heartbreaking to see children leave school and then loiter their lives away for years until they find work.

By that time all the good work of the schools has been undone.—*Pedagogue, Hants.*

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I'd relieve all hospitals and infirmaries of their financial worries by passing them over to the State. This would be a perpetual celebration, and show our thanks to God for granting our King long life and health.—*W. I. W., Kettering.*

OUR LETTER PARLIAMENT

ORIGINAL letters upon the subject below, not exceeding 100 words, are invited. 10s. will be paid for each letter published, 2s. 6d. for "Shorts." Envelopes marked "Letter Parliament" must reach 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, by first post Monday, April 15.

What I'd like "John Bull" Readers to Discuss

FOOTBALL SELECTIONS

By our Expert—for Matches Played on April 13

FIRST DIVISION.

(1) Leicester v. W.B. Albion.
(2) PRESTON v. Stoke.
*(3) SUNDERLAND v. Wednesday.
(4) Hotspur v. Birmingham.
(5) Wolverhampton v. ARSENAL.
(6) ASTON VILLA v. Liverpool.
(7) CHELSEA v. Portsmouth.
*(8) DERBY v. Leeds.
(9) EVERTON v. Middlesbrough.
(10) GRIMSBY v. Manchester C.
**(11) HUDDERSFIELD v. Blackburn.

SECOND DIVISION.

(1) PORT VALE v. Forest.
*(2) SHEFFIELD U. v. Bury.
(3) SOUTHAMPTON v. Newcastle.
(4) Swansea v. Fulham.
(5) Barnsley v. HULL.
**(6) BOLTON v. Norwich.
(7) BRADFORD C. v. Blackpool.
(8) Burnley v. Bradford.
(9) MANCHESTER U. v. Brentford.
(10) Notts v. WEST HAM.
(11) OLDHAM v. Plymouth.

SOUTHERN SECTION.

**(1) CHARLTON v. Watford.
(2) PALACE v. Newport.
(3) LUTON v. Reading.
*(4) Q.P. RANGERS v. Exeter.
(5) Southend v. Northampton.
(6) Swindon v. Millwall.
**(7) TORQUAY v. Bristol C.
(8) ALDERSHOT v. Coventry.
(9) BRIGHTON v. Gillingham.
(10) BRISTOL R. v. Bessecombe.
*(11) CARDIFF v. Orient.

NORTHERN SECTION.

(1) Crewe v. Wrexham.
(2) DARLINGTON v. Chesterfield.
**(3) DONCASTER v. Lincoln.
(4) GATESHEAD v. Rotherham.
(5) Hartlepools v. TRANMERE.
(6) NEW BRIGHTON v. Barrow.
*(7) SOUTHPORT v. Rochdale.
(8) STOCKPORT v. Halifax.
(9) York v. Mansfield.
(10) ACCRINGTON v. Walsall.
**(11) CHESTER v. Carlisle.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

(1) HAMILTON v. Queen of South.
(2) HIBERNIAN v. Ayr.
(3) Kilmarnock v. HEARTS.
(4) Queen's Park v. ST. JOHNSTONE.
(5) ST. MIRREN v. Dunfermline.
(6) Aberdeen v. RANGERS.
(7) Albion v. Clyde.
(8) CELTIC v. Airdrie.
(9) Falkirk v. MOTHERWELL.

SPECIAL STAR CODE

As injuries to players and consequent alterations in teams may affect the chances of different clubs, we shall publish last-minute JOHN BULL selections in code in the *Daily Herald* and *Sporting Life* each Friday morning.

Example Code.—Div. I.—11 (*H*); Div. II.—10 (*A*); Southern Section—7 (*H*); Northern Section—3 (*H*); Scottish League—6 (*A*) would indicate Huddersfield, West Ham, Torquay, Doncaster and Rangers.

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"John Bull" will pay a Life Pension of £2 a week and £500 (or a lump sum of £900) for a correct solution on one square of the puzzle below. Failing a correct solution the prize will be awarded to the reader whose entry is the nearest correct solution. The winner will also receive a 34-guinea All-mains "Pye" Radiogram. An additional £100 will be divided between those competitors who enter squares containing one error only, or only one error more than the winning solution. An extra Bonus of a Season Ticket providing 80 Free Entries to our Crossword Contest will be awarded to every Runner-up from whom we have received two sixpenny coupons in the same envelope. A Surprise Award, with £1 Bonus Offer, will be sent to each sender of a square containing one error more than Runners-up. Solution of puzzle will be published in "John Bull" on sale Thursday, April 25, and winner in "John Bull" on sale Thursday, May 2.

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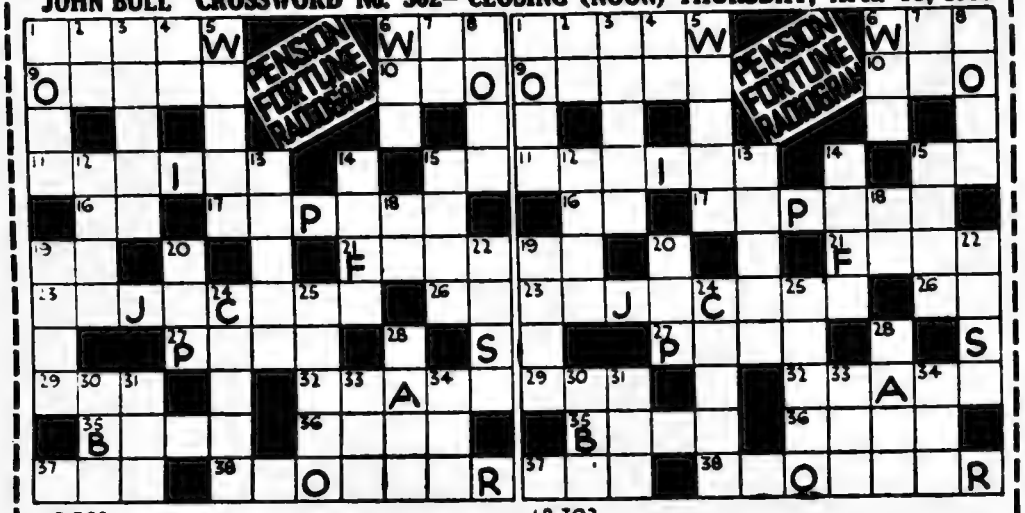

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ENTRY FEE for 2 Squares 6D.

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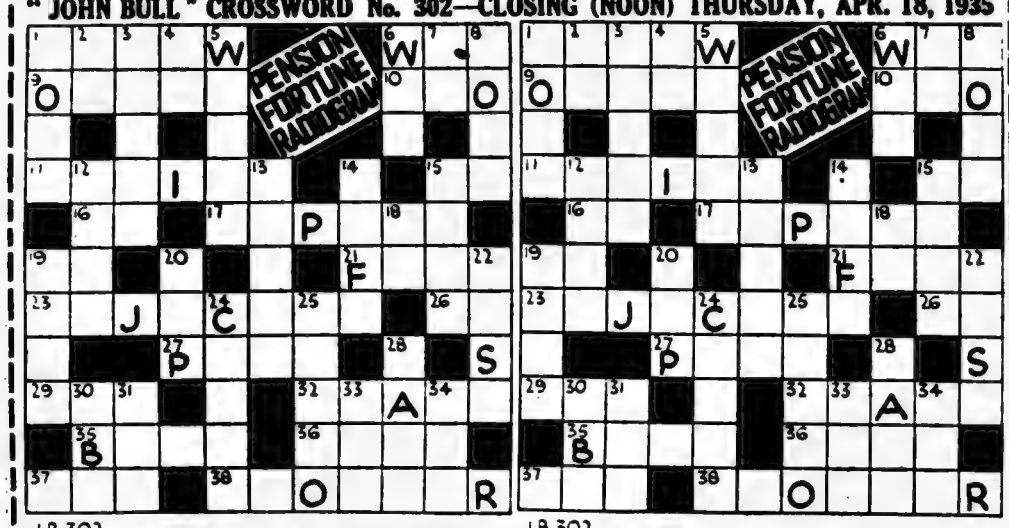

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Solution—X-Word No. 300.

Winners in Crossword No. 299 appear on page 42 Winners in Crossword No. 300 will be published next week. The Solution of "John Bull" Crossword No. 300 is given herewith as a matter of interest to our Crossword Competitors. We wish to emphasise that no claims are required, as all entries are carefully examined by our staff.

STUDY THESE CLUES

ACROSS

1. Underneath the surface
6. Married
9. Smell with o in centre
10. Time past
11. Capturing
15. Headless sailor in middle of park
16. End of fags
17. Staring with the mouth open
19. You and I
21. Is often too big for shoes
23. Lying close to
26. Green light means to traffic
27. What artist's models do
29. Small explosion
32. Bandit does, after smashing
35. Should be considered when buying dog
36. Another name for hoar-frost
37. Is difficult to do
38. Good one avoids waste

DOWN

1. Well built one defies weather
2. Editor in brief
3. Many are able to disguise theirs
4. Middle of hour
5. Answers are, from erring schoolboy
6. Famous generals are commonly made in this
7. For example
8. Found at the front
12. Such people are often infirm
13. Fruit grower must look after his
14. Wise girl doesn't accept from a stranger
15. Add a letter to 10 Across and produce state of excitement
18. Answer in the negative
19. Soon produced by hot sun
20. There may be this between good runner and bad
22. May affect way team plays
24. Are apt to pop off unexpectedly
25. Africa is his home
28. Such a bed is not very comfortable
30. Order won by service to Empire
31. Dog offers for handshake
33. Roadhog lets car do this constantly
34. Gives us something sweet—and perhaps something painful

READ THESE RULES AND CONDITIONS.

1.—Complete puzzle in ordinary ink, not copying-ink or copying-ink pencil, cut out the whole entry form, whether both puzzle squares are used or not. Entry fee for two squares is SIXPENCE. For four squares send ONE SHILLING. Make Postal Order payable to Odhams Press Ltd. and cross it /& Co./; write name and address and date of posting on back of P.O., and fill in the number upon Entry Form; send Entry Form by post as directed, to reach us not later than NOON, Thursday, April 18, 1935.

2.—In addition to the two sixpenny entry forms on this page, each entrant may submit TWO EXTRA SIXPENNY ENTRY FORMS, provided these are taken from "John Bull's" free weekly "Crossword Gazette." No entrant may submit more than TWO ENTRY FORMS from this page plus TWO from this week's "Gazette."

Should any letter square be left blank, contain a letter which is not clear, or altered or not given in ink, the corresponding letter on adjoining Entry-square will be regarded as entrant's intended letter for both Entry-squares. If entrant's solution cannot be so decided, Entry-square concerned will be disqualified, as will any mutilated coupon. No responsibility is accepted for any entry lost, delayed, not delivered, or mislaid, and no correspondence will be entered into.

3.—Winner of this contest will appear in "John Bull" on sale Thursday, May 2, 1935. Should any competitor not announced as a winner have entered a coupon eligible for a share of the First Prize, he must demand a scrutiny by first post Tuesday, May 14, 1935, in accordance with directions given with result. Any such scrutiny which may amend the result must be accepted as final. No scrutiny can be conducted in connection with the Runners-up prize of £100 or the Surprise Awards. Accordingly entries are accepted only on condition that the result of our double searches establishing these winners is regarded as final. Errors are computed according to the number of words which wrongly answer the Clues given.

4.—In the event of a tie, a prize will be divided, but no competitor may receive more than one award per contest. Should first prize be shared, £900 cash will be paid instead of the two-in-one award.

5.—Readers in Scotland are debarred from and cannot enter this competition. Any entry form bearing an address in Scotland will be disqualified.

6.—Failure to comply with any of the conditions involves disqualification.

7.—Employees of Odhams Press Ltd. and members of their families are not eligible to compete.

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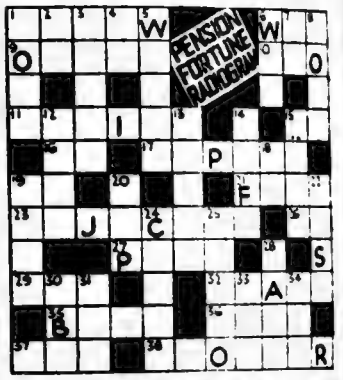

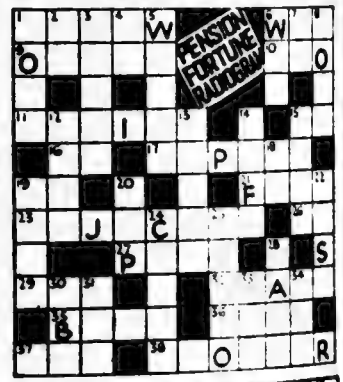

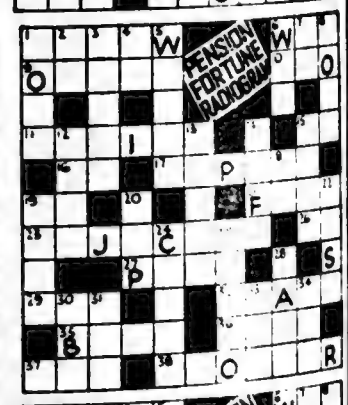

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A special prize of £5 will be awarded to the Newsagent from whom this contest's first prize winner usually purchases his copy of "John Bull". [illegible] of the first prize be shared the £5 will be divided between the sharers' Newsagents

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The Editor Laughs Last

IF you are troubled by any matter—except, of course, of a medical nature—you can obtain free expert advice that will help you. A stamped and addressed envelope is all that you have to send with your query. Write to-day. The replies given on this page to facetious correspondents are for your entertainment.

A. L. (Acton).—"Many boxers are good business men." They know how to clinch a deal.

MANICURIST (Bath).—"Unless things improve, I'm afraid I shall be compelled to close my shop." And file your petition?

SAM (Starcross).—"In the face of keen opposition I bought a good razor at a jumble sale for sixpence." Cut-throat?

H. B. M. (Liverpool).—"I owe money all round. What would you advise me to do?" Square up.

MRS. N. (Trowbridge).—"I couldn't give the police a full description of the man, for when I saw him I swooned." So you only had a faint recollection.

T. N. (Nottingham).—"I have now retired from the stage and have started in business as a credit draper." So your name is at the top of each bill?

ALEC (Bournemouth).—"My brother went to a University, but was sent down after causing an explosion in a laboratory." He was lucky he didn't go up.

DETECTIVE (Peckham).—"I easily identified the thief, as I had marked him by throwing a tin of paint at him while he was escaping." You spotted your man!

J. N. (Halifax).—"According to my daily paper, an American claims to have discovered two new moons." Perhaps prohibition was best after all.

D. E. (Swansea).—"A hot lemon is undoubtedly the best thing to go to bed on." Tastes differ, but give us the old-fashioned mattress.

FLIGHT (York).—"Do you think the aeroplane will solve the age-old question of crossing the desert?" It will certainly get over it.

G. S. (Eastbourne).—"I am a very keen gardener. Can you tell me how to get some of the earliest tomatoes?" Yes. Buy them.

SKIPPER (Hull).—"Elephants are the most difficult animals to transport I've ever handled." You found them more than a handful, then.

MRS. R. (Wadebridge).—"Two of my neighbours have joined me in buying a mangle between us." And you're going to take turns.

MOTHER (Tewkesbury). — "My baby always seems ready for a piece of cake after his morning bath." Sponge for preference, of course?

J. H. (Romford).—"I've been fortunate enough to receive an invitation to be present at a television broadcast." You'll look in, naturally.

C. A. V. (Dartmouth).—"I was lost on Dartmoor for hours before I met someone to tell me which road to take." You didn't know which way to turn.

SOPRANO (Perth).—"I often wake up in the morning and find that my voice has gone." You must sleep with your mouth open.

MISS H. (Sudbury).—"Owing to so many people treading on them, dresses with trains have disappeared." Stamped out.

SPORTSMAN (Wembley).—"One of the entrants in a 10-mile marathon race was almost doubled up when he arrived at the winning post." He was bent on reaching his destination.

S. L. (Tonbridge).—"Experienced referees are hard to find." It is the inexperienced ones who fail to take the elementary precaution at the end of a match of mingling with the crowd and booing the referee.

F. M. (Brighton).—"Golfing beginners who make mistakes must just carry on." Some of them do—dreadfully.

GLAZIER (Brighton).—"What is there difficult about cutting glass with a diamond?" Getting the diamond.

TOM (Birmingham).—"As to my age, I have seen thirty summers." That, at a rough estimate, makes you about ninety.

HOLIDAY CRUISER (Balham).—"What did I want with an upper bunk?" A bunk up.

A. C. (Teignmouth).—"My friend, though he often gets stung, is crazy about bees." Perhaps he's got one in his bonnet.

DAD (Inverkeithing).—"My small son pestered me to play leapfrog with him until, in a very bad temper, I consented." He got your back up.

NATURALIST (Hove).—"I have noticed that some birds can lift heavy weights." The crane, of course, is an outstanding example.

NUMISMATIST (Acton).—"It is quite likely that the Ancient Greeks were keen on collecting coins." Ancient Greek ones, anyway.

P. N. V. (Frinton).—"When my wife asked me for a cheque I was amazed to discover that I was overdrawn." You simply couldn't make it out.

J. M. F. (Ongar).—"My son spends so much time making stencils, that I'm afraid it will prejudice his chance of passing his General Schools exam." You should make him cut it out.

GEORGE (Pontypridd).—"My friend has written a story of 2,000 words, but it is so far-fetched as to try the patience of even the most credulous reader." A tall short story.

OLD-FASHIONED (Gidea Park).—"I think there is nothing finer than to see a man going to work wearing a silk hat and a frock coat." Schoolboys agree, especially when there is any snow about.

R. T. A. (Brentford).—"There is no difficulty in catching your hat, if you get ahead of it and wait for it to be blown along to you." Quite so. The difficulty lies in getting ahead of it.

ACTOR (Birmingham).—"At one place we played in America, the audience certainly showed what they thought of our performance." They left no turn unstoned?

G. N. (Totnes).—"A soldier must have good sight." Eyes right!

F. E. (Ealing). — "There are no short cuts to success." As taxi-drivers know.

F. M. (Bedford).—"Men don't like their clothes to be noticeable." No comic cuts.

L. K. (Aldershot).—"I am hurrying to perfect a new type of garden rake." Step on it!

RAILWAY SIGNALMAN (Crewe).—"I have to be an observant man." You watch points?

BEAUTY (Blackpool).—"I don't owe *my* complexion to the chemist." You pay cash?

D. L. (Deal).—"Books are more attractive in appearance nowadays." Bound to sell.

CARPENTER (Oldham).—"What can I do with my son, who scamps his work?" Work the scamp.

T. C. M. (Newcastle).—"I once acted as starter at police sports." You set the law in motion.

MRS. E. (Durham).—"Why do men have eyebrows?" If they're married, to be in debt up to, madam.

GARDENER (Pulham).—"I have just purchased an old airship hangar." To grow your prize marrow in?

S. T. (Barking).—"I didn't know the value of my father's gold watch until I pawned it." You realised it then.

A. B. G. (Ingatestone).—"The fact that he was not in when we called at his house gave him away." You found him out.

T. L. (Sunbury).—"When we began giving the hoops to the children we found the demand was greater than the supply." You could not make them go round?

A. G. (Lewisham).—"Lost property office statistics prove that, as a nation, we are terribly absent-minded." Also that we are maintaining our reputation for being good losers.

VERGER (Surrey).—"When I took a party of waitresses up to the belfry, they were greatly interested in the bells." They had probably never heard of such things before!

M. F. (Ipswich).—"Jubilee souvenirs should all be British." How do Cheques and Postal Orders appeal to you? During Jubilee Week we'll be distributing such "souvenirs" value over £1,250—why shouldn't yours be the £600 one offered on page 43.

A. D. (Bury).—"My friend, who is a pawnbroker, takes not the slightest interest in clothes, though a good-looking chap." He takes interest on them, though.

RUGGER COACH (Glasgow).—"When an opposing three-quarter is running with the ball, there are two things the young full-back *must* grasp." You refer, of course, to the opposing three-quarter's ankles.

F. T. (York).—"One of the pages at a recent big society wedding was the son of a railway signalman." Yes, and we understand that the calm precision with which he held up the bride's train brought tears of joy to his father's eyes.

E. L. (Iver).—"Most building estates are open for inspection on Sundays and holidays." A house agent with his arm in a sling on a Monday has probably spent a strenuous week-end throwing stones at railway stations from various desirable residences on his list.

(Many replies unavoidably held over)

The Danger of INDIGESTION

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Sold by all Chemists and Stores, in sky-blue Canister, price— **1/6**

If you live in agony from piles, get MAN ZAN Brand Pile Remedy. Nothing so quickly ends the dreadful irritation, the weakening pain and banishes pile trouble for good. Get your supply of Man Zan in its easy, clean-to-use tube. Use it and be pile free and happy again. Man Zan costs but 3/- for the big supply.

KIDNEY SUFFERERS

THIS IS FREE!

RHEUMATICS, TOO,

Can Have This Gift

Are you one of the tens of thousands of men and women crippled with the chronic pain of rheumatism or splitting backache? Are you a victim of dangerous Kidney Disease? Here is a great personal "get back to health" gift ready to be posted by a famous firm of chemists, free.

This is no one-minute "cure-all" you are offered. You are invited to accept a free supply of a famous remedy—DeWitts Brand Kidney and Bladder Pills—tried and trusted for over 40 years, and recommended by thousands of grateful men and women for all forms of kidney and bladder ailments.

When you have used your free supply of DeWitts Pills, and know how quickly they start you on the road to health, you should obtain a full-size supply, price 3/- and 5/-, from any chemist.

ALL YOU NEED DO

Fill in your name and address on coupon. Please write clearly or use block letters. Enclose a 1d. stamp, by sticking a corner of stamp only to back of coupon (to cover cost of postage). Put the coupon in an envelope, *tuck in* the flap (do not stick it down). Put a ½d. stamp on the envelope. Address to E. C. De Witt & Co. Ltd. (Dept. K 25), Croydon, Surrey.

USE THIS COUPON TO-DAY

Name .....
(Mr., Mrs. or Miss)

Address .....

Town .....

County .....

SKIN ERUPTIONS CLEARED IN A FEW DAYS

Why suffer humiliation from the scrutiny of passers-by? If your complexion is marred by a disfiguring eruption, an angry rash, or unsightly blotches, a course of Cuticura treatment will quickly clear your skin. Healing starts with the first application. Pimples begin to dry up and rashes fade, your mirror shows a visible improvement each day until, within a week, scarcely a trace of the disfigurement remains.

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Wash the affected part daily with Cuticura Soap and hot water. Dry gently and apply Cuticura Ointment. This daily treatment relieves itching and allays inflammation at once. The soothing, healing, antiseptic Cuticura penetrates to the depths of the eruption. It destroys the lurking germs which keep the disease active, it heals the festering sores and steadily establishes a healthy condition of the skin which leads to complete recovery.

Was Covered with Pimples

"My face, neck, chest and legs became covered with red, sore pimples. They were of a wet nature and caused exceeding pain, discomfort and embarrassment, especially as when they dried they left my face terribly disfigured with red blotches. I tried different remedies, all without success. Finally I started with Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I was greatly pleased with the results and very soon my skin was clear. I was healed." (Signed) L. R. W. Edwards, 26, Myrtle Villa, N. Prospect, Swilly, Plymouth.

Cuticura Ointment 1/3, 2/6 and 5/-. Cuticura Soap 1/-. Sample of Soap, Ointment and Talcum sent on receipt of 1½d. stamp for postage.
Address: Cuticura (Dept. 78,DO) Newbery & Phillips Ltd., 31 Banner Street, London, E.C.1.

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SOOTHING ANTISEPTIC HEALING

£1,000 Won In Crossword Competition No. 299

In the above Competition, correct solutions were received from the following six competitors, who share the £900 offered:—
S. Booth 12, Finedon Road, Wellingborough.
C. Dell, 44, Harvey Road, Leytonstone, E.11.
W. L. Griffiths, 20, Spenser Avenue, Rock Ferry, Ches.
G. Parkinson, 153, Whalley Old Road, Blackburn.
J. R. Taylor, 4, Bower Street, North Reddish, Stockport.
A Wilson, 176, Orrell Road, Wigan, Lancs.
To each of them, subject to the conditions of the Competition, a cheque for £150 will be sent.

Any other entrant who claims to have sent a solution eligible for a share of this prize, must demand a scrutiny by First Post, Tuesday, April 23rd, sending £1 Scrutiny Fee, copy of solutions and Postal Order number. Envelope to be registered, marked "Scrutiny" and addressed to the Competition Editor of "John Bull."

No scrutiny can be undertaken in connection with the Award of £100 to Runners-up. This Prize has been divided between 147 competitors from whom we received solutions containing one error and who will each receive 13s. 8d. A list of these Runners-up can be seen at the "John Bull" offices and all have been notified.

A Crossword Season Ticket containing 80 Free Entries in our contest will also be sent to every Runner-up who submitted two 6d. coupons in the same envelope.

In addition to the above awards, the six sharers of the First Prize will also receive, in accordance with the conditions announced, a Bonus Award of a handsome Wrist-Watch.

Surprise Awards were won by 1,119 competitors who submitted solutions containing two errors.

This week's "John Bull" Contest offers the opportunity of winning £5 a week for Life and £500, or a lump sum of £900. The winner will also receive a 24-Guinea Pye Radiogram. There are also handsome prizes for runners-up which must be won. Turn to Page 40 NOW.

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THE GRAVES-NATIONAL 3-VALVE Battery-driven self-contained Set WITH A SPECIAL COIL CIRCUIT USING IRON-CORED RADIO FREQUENCY COILS, AND PERMANENT MAGNET MOVING COIL LOUD SPEAKER OF ADVANCED DESIGN. Figured Walnut Cabinet 17 x 10 x 9in. Illuminated Tuning Dial. British Valves. H.T. Battery, Accumulator and Aerial Equipment. Nothing else to buy. Carriage Paid £8.18.0 or 8/- monthly. Fullest Approval. NO CHARGE FOR EASY TERMS. WRITE FOR CATALOGUE of latest designs for Mains or Batteries including Band Pass, Super-Het Sets, etc.
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STOMACH SUFFERER SINCE CHILDHOOD

Now perfectly Fit

To be perfectly fit and able to eat anything after over 20 years of acute stomach trouble is more than most people would dare hope for—yet this has actually happened to Mr. A. C. Downing, of Cavendish Road, Carlton.

These are his own words:—
"I must tell you how thankful I am regarding Maclean Brand Stomach Powder. Since childhood I have constantly suffered from stomach pains, indigestion, heartburn and was informed by doctors that it might be ulcers. I was told by my doctor to try Maclean Brand Stomach Powder and before I had finished the first 1/3 bottle I was much better. Until that time I had been obliged to diet myself and was often afraid to eat anything at all. Since the first bottle of Maclean Brand Stomach Powder I can face a good meal with confidence—no more sickness, heartburn, etc. The secret of it is simply Maclean Brand Stomach Powder which keeps me perfectly fit and free from any discomfort."

And you can obtain just as great and speedy relief. But be sure to get the original Maclean Brand Stomach Powder. Do not risk an inferior substitute for the sake of a few pence, but ask your chemist for Maclean Brand Stomach Powder and see the signature "ALEX. C. MACLEAN" on bottle and carton before you buy. It is not sold loose but only in bottles in cartons, of Powder or Tablets, at 1/3, 2/- and 5/-.

NO MORE PILES

PEMEXO Tablets—the great new discovery which completely banishes this unpleasant complaint,

3/- per bottle, post paid.

FREE SAMPLE Send addressed envelope with 1½d. stamp for postage to PEMEXO, LABORATORIES, Ltd., Dept J.B.2, Llanfairfechan, N. Wales.

Kill Kidney Trouble Quick

Thousands of sufferers from Kidney trouble and Bladder weakness have stopped Getting Up Nights, Leg Pains, Nervousness, Stiffness, Rheumatism, Lumbago, Burning, Smarting, Acidity, and Loss of Vigour by a Doctor's safe, pure prescription called Cystex Brand Tablets. Specially prepared to soothe, tone, clean and heal raw, sore Kidneys. In 15 minutes Cystex starts cleaning disease poisons from the blood. Brings new health, youth, and vitality in 48 hours. Guaranteed to cure or money back. Only 3/- from all chemists, or Williams, 81, Lamb's Conduit-st., London.

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HERE'S YOUR OPPORTUNITY AND OUR GUARANTEE!

We are prepared to coach you for recognised Examinations, such as A.M.I.Mech.E., A.M.I.E.E., A.M.I.A.E., G.P.O., etc., under our definite Guarantee of "NO PASS—NO FEE."

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FREE SAMPLE OFFERS OF FAMOUS "HARLENE" PREPARATIONS

Get free of charge any 3 of the world-famous Harlene Hair products offered on the Back Cover. Turn to this Now and use the special sample coupon.
Another coupon on the page entitles readers to get a Free 5-day Tube of Harlene Soapless and Brushless Cream and sample bottle of Hair Cream.

GRAVES BEATS THE WORLD FOR QUALITY AND VALUE

5/2 per month (less than 2½d. a day) buys the Graves "FLIGHT" Cycle with Dunlop Saddle, Coventry Chain, Dunlop Tyres, Chromium Plate, Raised or Dropped Handlebars, Lady's or Gent's with Accessories, Carr. Paid £3:17:6 or 5/2 monthly No charge for Easy Terms. With Sturmey-Archer 3-Speed £4:17:6 or 6/6 monthly. Catalogue Free. Ladies', Gent's, Juveniles', and Tradesmen's Cycles, Tandems, Roadsters, Racers, Club Models
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GOLDEN BOLT from the BLUE!

Clerk's Friday Thrill

Here's his £500 smile.

LET me introduce you, writes a JOHN BULL representative, to a Tyneside man who has just built a ship single-handed—the ship which came home for him one recent Friday.

"To say that telegram was a bolt from the blue was putting it mildly," said the young clerk who opened the door to me at 14, Valley View, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

"And yet," admitted this winner, Mr. A. R. Partington, "I knew it was Telegram Day, and I felt I'd sent in a good *Bullet*."

The effort in his mind was: WITH MIGHT AND MAIN — FIGHT THAT "MIGHTIER" MANIA! He had shown it to a neighbour, who is also a keen "Bulleteer," he recalled. "Pretty good," his friend had said. The *Bullets* judges agreed—and to Mr. Partington flashed the news that he had won the First Prize of £500 and a Radio Gramophone in Competition No. 975.

"That's pretty good, too," said Mr. Partington's neighbour, who was almost the first to congratulate him on his big success. And his words will be echoed, I believe, by all "Bulleteers" with an eye for a *Bullet* which combines balance, rhythm and telling topicality.

"Last year I used to enter *Bullets* spasmodically," he went on to tell me, "but in January this year I made a resolution to enter regularly. I studied the prize-lists and started taking *Bullets Bulletin*. This taught me a lot about the type of *Bullet* that wins prizes—and about the sort to avoid."

He had learnt from its pages, for instance, that one common kind of winning effort is the type in which the *Bullet* echoes the sound of the words in the *Example*. And it was this type, it will be noticed, which brought him payment at the rate of £125 per word.

"I certainly tried hard," Mr. Partington said, "but I hardly expected to win so soon. Previously I'd never had a cash prize, and the most I'd won had been four 'Targets.'"

Then he recounted how nearly he had missed securing this £500. For a time, I learnt, he had been uncertain whether or not to enter the effort. He felt that an idea which came to him so quickly might easily occur to other competitors. But finally in it went, on the only coupon he entered for this Contest, and his *Bullets* ship has come home.

"That experience suggests a tip for other competitors," said this winner. "If you get an inspiration that makes a good *Bullet*, stick to your judgment and enter it. You can always learn to recognise a good *Bullet* by studying the prize-lists."

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Half an hour's study of the prize-winning *Bullets* on this page, followed by 30 minutes with this week's *Example*, can bring you during Jubilee Week a £600 cheque to make your future secure.

There are many other fine prizes to be won in this one-week offer of over £1,250—but enter by Saturday, April 20 to be among the 10,676 successful competitors.

FIVE BIG 3-in-1 PRIZES Coming Next Week

RESULT OF COMPETITION NO. 976

FIRST PRIZE, £1,000 AND CUP FINAL WEEK-END FOR TWO

E. J. PARKER, 20, Nelson Road, Caterham, Surrey.

Example: SECRET DIPLOMACY
Bullet: OMITS YOU—COMMITS YOU!
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

SECOND PRIZE, £100 AND TWO £1 1s. CUP FINAL TICKETS:

W. BLUNDEN, 1, Orleans Road, Hornsey Rise, London, N.
Example: Drab Streets
Bullet: Content Can "Tint."

THIRD PRIZE, £25 AND TWO £1 1s. CUP FINAL TICKETS:

L. BALCH, "Rodmersham," Anlaby Common, Hull.
Example: Sovereign Remedy
Bullet: Against "Reds," England's "Purple."
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

OTHER PRIZES:

£10: R. G. BICKFORD, Crofthandy, St. Day, Truro, Cornwall.
Mother's Advice—Isn't *Always* Advisable, Mother!

£9: W. H. PICKARD 163, Upperton Road, Leicester.
Marching Feet—What's Esperanto For "Halt!"

£8: A. P. GILROYD, 81, Holloway Street, Exeter.
Thanks To Hore-Belisha—"Balloons"—Fewer "Going Aloft."

£7: W. FORSTER, 46, Bromley Street, Wolverhampton.
Man Of Action—"Speed Merchant" *Boss* "Summoned."

£6: W. R DAVIS, "Hurstmyne," Harlow, Essex.
In His Note-book—Collar's Size—Pass-book, "Millstone's."
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

£5: G. GERAGHTY, c/o 8, St. James Place, Edinburgh.
[illegible]'s Swan-song—*Blushed By A* Baby.

10 PRIZES OF £2 10s. EACH:

Mrs. M. CLAYTON 40, Cawdor Road, Fallowfield, Manchester.
Kind Employer—Doesn't "Squeeze" Extracts Best."
(Entered on "Season Ticket" coupon.)

E. DONALDSON, 5, Hastie Street, Glasgow.
Unthinkable—Another "1[illegible] Plus Country.

A. GLEED, 55, Medgbury Road, Swindon, Wilts.
Rope Round His Neck Prevents Pa Buying "Coat"

W. M. HATTON 126 Rochford Way, Crowlan[illegible]
Drab Streets—Number Thousands, "Nearest Ten"!

H. W. KEMP, 28, Leighton Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea.
Ramsay's Crew—A.B.'s? Sure Deeds!

M. MacCOLL, Achindwin, Lamlash, Arran[illegible].
Political Banquet—Deserved After Employment's "Spread."

R. H. NICKLESS, 4, De Vere Villas, Coworth Road, Ascot.
Ploughing The Sands With "Plough" Share." Armaments.

W. NIXON, 3 Coleman Avenue, Hove.
Marching Feet—Mean More "Sailing Boat" laces."

J. M. PACKETT, "Rock-a-Nore," Nevill Road, Hove.
Celebrating—Oldest Inhabitant's Oldest Habit.

L./Cpl. W. SMART, 1b, Married Quarters, Hilsea Barracks, Portsmouth.
Kind Employer—Offers "One More" Chance.
(Entered on "Target" Prize coupon.)

A list of 50 10s. and 500 2s. 6d. winners can be seen at the offices of "John Bull."

ALL WINNERS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.

TOTAL £1,250 JUBILEE CASH OFFERED THIS WEEK!

OVER £1,250
BULLETS' CASH IN TIME FOR... JUBILEE WEEK-END!
UNIQUE JOY WEEK
FIRST £50 AND £25
CASH BETWEEN 25 NEEDY FAMILIES
25 OTHER BIG JUBILEE CHEQUES
£50 £40 £30 £20 £19 £18 £17 £16
£15 £14 £13 £12 £11 £10 £7-10s 10 or £5
50 of 10/- 100 of 5/- 500 of 2/6 2,000 Red Seal 'Targets' 8,000 'Target' Prizes
THIS WEEK ONLY
In view of Easter, all entries postmarked not later than Easter Saturday, April 20 will be accepted.
JUBILEE CASH BONUS of 25/- WITH EACH PRIZE OF 5/- and 10/-
979

POST BEFORE EASTER SUNDAY FOR YOUR BIG JUBILEE CHEQUE!

TO-DAY JOHN BULL offers you one final opportunity of winning a big *Bullets* cheque in time to spend during Jubilee Week. And the cash to be distributed in this enormous one-week contest, you will find, exceeds the splendid total of £1,250!

Heralded by a telegram on Friday, May 3, the sudden arrival of £600 cash will make the month of May, 1935, the merriest our First Prize-winner has ever known. And in the homes of those 25 needy families who benefit by JOHN BULL'S £25 distribution there will be real happiness also.

Owing to Good Friday, postal delays may cause your entry to take longer than usual to reach Long Acre. Post early if you can, therefore, but note that special arrangements have been made for each entry *postmarked* not later than Saturday, April 20, to be accepted.

HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS"

TO make a *Bullet*, read carefully through the *Examples* and jot down all the rough comments any of them suggest to your mind.

You have next to express each rough comment in some neat and effective way in TWO, THREE or FOUR words that make its meaning clear.

Suppose, for instance, that you had chosen the *Example* UP IN THE ATTIC. Beside it you might have jotted down the rough idea, *Poet Earns His Living.* This you could easily polish up to produce the finished *Bullet*, UP IN THE ATTIC—POET "CAME TO EARTH."

Before beginning on your efforts, seek further guidance in making good *Bullets* from the list of this week's winners on the previous page.

Then you are ready to begin. Follow these simple instructions, see that your *Bullets* are posted on or before Saturday, April 20 and you may well be amongst this contest's 10,676 winners.

USE THESE "EXAMPLES"

GRATEFUL COUNTRY
IN PEACE
SAFETY ON THE ROAD
WORKLESS MAN
WHEN FATHER CELEBRATES
YOUTH'S FIRE
GOOD SCHOOL
CRICKET
FINE FOR THE MOTORIST
ON THE BURNING DECK
GOLDEN MEMORY
ERRAND OF MERCY
FAITH MOVES MOUNTAINS, SO "DARLING:"
PREPARED FOR THE WORST
GRIM SPECTRE
BE CAREFUL, MR. MAGISTRATE
HEAD OVER HEELS
MERRY WIDOW
BAFFLING
MAN WITH A SPADE
THE LION ROARED AND
POWER OF GOOD
IN THOUSANDS
UP IN THE ATTIC
HER DAY OFF
WORRYING WHITEHALL
FAST BOWLER
FRUITLESS
CAUGHT IN A TRAP
THUNDER IN THE AIR
HELD UP THE TRAFFIC
NEVER PAYS
UNDERHAND
MADE AUNTIE JUMP
HOPE OF HIS SIDE

SAVE MONEY by enclosing this new Easy Registration Coupon with your entry for "Bullets" or "John Bull" Crosswords and thus secure 48 pages of Competition assistance FREE!

ENCLOSE THIS COUPON WITH YOUR "BULLETS" OR "JOHN BULL" CROSSWORD

Please register me for six weeks' free supply of "Bullets Bulletin" and Crossword Gazette. I have affixed 3d. in stamps to this coupon for postage.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

If not entering for Competition, post coupon direct to "Bulletin" Dept., 30, Bedford St., London, W.C.2

Affix 1½d. stamp here

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READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor, is the best Bullet received and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

2. Only two attempts may be written on each coupon and a postal order must be enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of. This must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed "& Co." Entrant's name, address and date of posting must be written on back of postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.

3. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry. Employees of Odhams Press Ltd. and their families are not eligible.

NEWSAGENTS' PRIZES.—Cheques for £5, £2 and £1 respectively will be paid to the newsagents from whom the chief winners in "Bullets" No. 979 usually purchase "John Bull."

The original cheque for £600 awarded to the First Prize-winner in Competition No. 975 will be displayed in the window of Mr. G. Wallace, 5, Cavendish Road, Jesmond, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

ENTRY-FEE.—Enclose a Postal Order with your entry at the rate of 6d. for each Coupon submitted. This should be made payable to "John Bull" and crossed "& Co."

EXAMPLE
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(979) Closing SAT., Apl. 20. P.O. No. .....
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 1 Coupon send P.O. for 6d.
Signed .....
Address .....

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BULLET

(979) Closing SAT., Apl. 20. P.O. No. .....
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 2 Coupons send P.O. for 1s.
Signed .....
Address .....

EXAMPLE
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BULLET

(979) Closing SAT., Apl. 20. P.O. No. .....
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 3 Coupons send P.O. for 1s. 6d.
Signed .....
Address .....

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BULLET

(979) Closing SAT., Apl. 20. P.O. No. .....
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 4 Coupons send P.O. for 2s.
Signed .....
Address .....

EXAMPLE
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BULLET

(979) Closing SAT., Apl. 20. P.O. No. .....
I agree to enter in accordance with the rules announced on this page. With 5 Coupons send P.O. for 2s. 6d.
Signed .....
Address .....

If you wish to use Advertiser's coupons on back, you can enter further "Bullets" or apply for "Bullets Bulletin" on plain paper.

Address Entry: "Bullets" No. 979, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2. (Comp.)

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HARLENE HAIR CREAM

What's Fred been doing to his hair?

Everybody has noticed it. He is looking so smart and so well groomed lately! Even after the hardest day his hair is still sleek and shining and unruffled. Fred has been using **HARLENE HAIR CREAM**—the latest and best Hair Toilet Aid for men. It gives an air of distinction and a sleekness and polish which is eminently natural, and sets the hair without the least semblance of hardness. **HARLENE HAIR CREAM** is sold by all Chemists and Stores, price 7½d., 1/1½ and 2/- per bottle.

Send the Coupon below at once for **YOUR** Free Bottle and you will also receive a generous Trial Tube of—

Harlene SOAPLESS BRUSHLESS SHAVING CREAM

SAVES TROUBLE—because it does away with soap, brush, and shaving pot, and renders it unnecessary to shave twice a day as some men are forced to do!

SAVES TIME—because it enables you to shave in 5 minutes instead of 15 minutes, saving 60 HOURS a year!

SAVES RAZOR BLADES—because the hair is cut more easily and the keen edge of the blade lasts longer.

SAVES THE SKIN—because the creamy base is a skin food. It keeps your face satiny, soft, and youthful.

All Chemists and Stores 6d. and 1/- per Tube.
Also invaluable to Ladies.

2 FREE GIFTS COUPON

Send this Coupon with 3d. stamps and your name and address for Free 5-day Tube of "Harlene" Soapless, Brushless Shaving Cream and a Sample Bottle of "Harlene" Hair Cream to **EDWARDS HARLENE LTD. (H.S.962), 20-26, LAMB'S CONDUIT STREET, LONDON, W.C.1.**

(Stamp envelope with 1½d. stamp.)
This offer does not apply to I.F.S

Let the Postman Bring You NEW HAIR BEAUTY FREE!

Choose your 3 Free "Harlene" Preparations and send the Coupon.

By return the Postman will bring them to your door wherever you live.

Enjoy the delight of a Cremex Shampoo—it cleanses, refreshes and brightens!

Practise the Scientific 2-Minutes Hair Health Exercise—"Harlene-Hair-Drill."

What a glorious transformation—thanks to "Harlene-Hair-Drill."

1 HARLENE HAIR GROWER AND TONIC

"HARLENE - HAIR - DRILL" restores growth, lustre and luxuriance to impoverished hair. It simply infuses new life and vitality into each hair follicle and revives the weakened tresses. To men it restores the Well-Groomed Appearance so essential in Social and Business Life—to Women it gives that Added Allure and Attraction so rightly desired. Invaluable also for Children's hair! 1/1½, 2/9 and 4/9 per bottle.

2 CREMEX SHAMPOO

No hair can be healthy unless it is cleansed regularly and thoroughly to remove dust and deposits, etc. Shampoo with "CREMEX." Its generous dainty perfumed creamy lather is delightfully refreshing and super-cleansing. It frees the hair from every trace of Scurf and Dandruff and is most beneficial to the scalp. **FREE** Burnishing Rinse included. 1/6 per box of 7 shampoos.

(Single sachets 3d. each.)

3 UZON BRILLIANTINE

"UZON" gives just that final touch of distinction to the coiffure. This highly refined brilliantine gives a glossy appearance to the hair and is invaluable to those with overdry scalp. Keeps unruly hair in place and preserves that well-groomed appearance throughout the whole day. In Liquid or Solidified form. 1/1½ and 2/9 per bottle or 1/3 per tin.

4 HARLENE WAVE SETTING LOTION

A veritable economy boon for ladies troubled with straight hair whose waves go out quickly despite constant visits to the hairdresser. Keeps the Hair in wave for long periods, and makes the waves deep and entrancingly beautiful. Protects against fog, mist, damp and even sea air. Saves £ £ £'s on Hair Waving Bills! 7½d. and 1/3 per bottle.

5 HARLENE CAMOMILE GOLDEN HAIR WASH

Every lady with fair hair should at once use "HARLENE" Camomile Golden Hair Wash. This is a dainty preparation which doubles and trebles the beauty of fair hair, and gives it that glorious light-gold sunshine touch. Unbelievably fascinating and beautiful. Just the thing for hair that has become dull and lost its tone. 1/3, 3/- and 5/- per bottle.

6 ASTOL HAIR Colour Restorer

Grey hair is a tragedy—particularly when it can so easily be remedied. If your hair is Grey, going Grey, or discoloured, you should use "ASTOL" Hair Colour Restorer, which will quickly bring it back to a Youthful Colour—making you look years younger. Equally suitable for ladies or gentlemen. 1/9, 3/- and 5/- per bottle.

Marvellous Results of "HARLENE" HAIR-DRILL

Choose Your THREE And Get Them FREE

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